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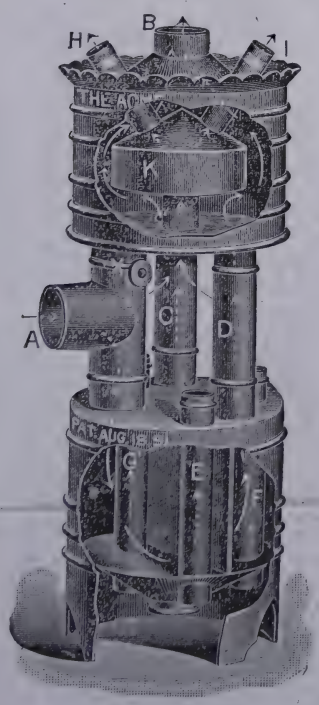

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TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen, Overseers of Poor,
Board of Health and Fence Viewers.

E. A. Darling, L. B. Gaskill, S. E. Kellogg.

Town Clerk.

Wm. H. Jordan.

Treasurer.

E. D. Bancroft.

Tax Collector.

Eugene S. Newhall

Auditor.

Adin A. Messinger.

Assessors.

H. A. Billings, Secretary, Term expires 1917.
W. S. Hague, Chairman, Term expires 1918.
Wm. W. Knights, Term expires 1919.

School Committee.

Harriet B. Sornborger, Term expires 1917.
Joseph L. Remington, Term expires 1918.
Frank J. Dutcher, Term expires 1919.

Trustees of Public Library.

Anna M. Bancroft, Term expires 1917.
Hannah T. Osgood, Term expires 1918.
*Frank H. French Term expires 1919.
* Deceased.
Arthur C. Johnson appointed to fill out unexpired year.

Road Commissioners.

George A. Draper, Term expires 1917.
Dana Osgood, Term expires 1918
Charles E. Pierce, Term expires 1919.

Park Commissioners.

Frank S. Clark, Term expires 1917.
Frank J. Dutcher, Term expires 1918
*Charles F. Roper, Term expires 1919.

Constables.

Archibald E. Beck, Walter F. Durgin, Hiram B. Leonard,
Thomas F. Matthews, Samuel S. Olivant.

Field Drivers.

Norman Henry, Albion H. French,
Frank Gaskill.

Tree Warden.

Charles E. Nutting.

Surveyor of Lumber.

Benjamin L. Hodgdon.

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN.

Engineers of Fire Department.

Samuel E. Kellogg, Chief.
Charles E. Pierce, 1st Assistant
Joseph B. Chapin, Clerk and Treasurer.

* Deceased.
Frederic E. Douglas appointed to fill out unexpired year.

Police Officers.

S. E. Kellogg, Chief.

Warren F. Gaskill,	J. N. Nutter,	Fred A. Whitney,
E. A. Sherman,	J. P. Durgin,	Geo. W. Jenkins,
F. W. Redgraves,	Edgar Bacon,	W. N. Prentiss,
F. S. Clark,	Geo. E. Draper,	W. G. Austin,
Mark Woodbine,	W. H. French,	G. H. Pickard,
E. J. Moorehouse,	Warren Williams,	H. E. Brown,
Carl Force,	C. J. W. Nealley,	Roswell Look,
Leon Hammond,	Jos. W. Gibbs,	J. W. Hicks,
J. J. O'neil,	Samuel Gaskill,	R. F. Pease,
James Killion,	Chas. W. Wheeler,	Geo. Bailey,
Wilmer Knight,	Wm. H. Hatch,	Wm. H. Cox,
A. J. Newell,	Chas. F. Austin,	Harlan H. Hart.
Walter R. Meade,	A. W. Lamb,	

Forest Warden.

Samuel E. Kellogg.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

Walter F. Durgin, A. A. Westcott, W. H. Barney,
Albion H. French, F. A. Card.

Public Weighers.

A. A. Westcott. Clara Allen, W. H. Barney,
F. A. Card, Ralph Owen.

Fire Police.

Hiram B. Leonard.

Weighers of Coal.

W. H. Barney, F. A. Card.

Inspector of Cattle and Slaughtering.
FRANK GASKILL.

Inspector of Meats and Provisions.
WALTER A. WATSON.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.
CHARLES W. WHEELER.

Town Counsel.
WENDELL WILLIAMS.

Burial Agent of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors.
CHARLES W. ARRAND.

Agent of Board of Health to Sign Burial Permits.
WM. H. JORDAN.

Registrars of Voters.
G. RUSSELL GOFF, Term expires 1917.
HENRY MARKHAM, Term expires 1918.
W. H. GRAYSON, Term expires 1919.
WM. H. JORDAN, Clerk.

Dog Officer.
WALTER F. DURGIN.

Superintendent of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Extermination.
CHARLES E. NUTTING.

APPOINTED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Superintendent of Schools.
F. G. ATWELL.

Truant Officers.
WARREN F. GASKILL, FRED A. WHITNEY,
WM. H. HATCH, F. G. ATWELL,
JOS. W. GIBBS.

School Physician.
M. W. KNIGHT, M. D.

APPOINTED BY PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Superintendent of Parks.
WALTER F. DURGIN.

APPOINTED BY PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Librarian.
HARRIET B. SORNBORGER.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Town Records.

Hopedale, Mass., Jan. 7, 1916.

Selectmen E. A. Darling, S. E. Kellogg and L. B. Gaskill, and Constable W. F. Durgin met at Selectmen's Room, Town House, Jan. 7, 1916, at 7.30 p. m., and Selectman L. B. Gaskill drew from the Juror Box the name of Bradford Leonard to serve as Grand Juror at Superior Court at Worcester to be holden on the 3rd Monday in January current, and throughout the year of 1916, and until another Grand Jury shall be empanelled.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

Hopedale, Mass., Feb. 23, 1916.

Selectmen E. A. Darling and S. E. Kellogg, Constable W. F. Durgin, and Town Clerk, Wm. H. Jordan, met at the Draper Company office Feb. 23, 1916, at 12 o'clock noon, and Selectman S. E. Kellogg drew from the Juror Box the name of William R. Stearns to serve as Traverse Juror at our Superior Court to be holden at Worcester, within and for County of Worcester on the 6th day of March, 1916, at ten o'clock a. m.

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT!

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Worcester ss:

To either Constable of the Town of Hopedale in said County, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday, the sixth day of March next, punctually at 9 o'clock in the forenoon (the polls may be closed at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on said day of meeting), to act upon the following articles, namely.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing, including the following officers: Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor, Selectmen, one Road Commissioner, for three years, Overseers of Poor, Board of Health, Fence Viewers, one Assessor to serve three years, one member of the School Committee to serve for three years, five Constables, one Trustee of Public Library to serve three years, one Park Commissioner to serve three years, one Tree Warden to serve for one year, and a Surveyor of Lumber for one year; also to bring in their ballots "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted in this Town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?"

Article 3. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Engineers of the Fire Department, and any other officers and committees of said Town.

Article 4. To raise and appropriate such sum or sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money

on and after January 1, 1917, in anticipation of the revenues of the financial year beginning January 1, 1917.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate sixty (60) dollars toward defraying the expenses of Memorial Day.

Article 8. To see what disposition the Town will make of money refunded from the county on account of the dog tax.

Article 9. To see what compensation the Town will allow the Collector of Taxes for his services.

Article 10. To see what date, if any, not later than October 15th, the Town will fix upon which taxes shall be payable, and to see from what date, not later than said fifteenth day of October, and at what rate, not less than six per cent. nor more than ten per cent., interest shall be charged on taxes that remain unpaid after the first day of November.

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the Town.

Article 12 To see if the Town will authorize the committee heretofore appointed to secure additional accommodations for fire apparatus to purchase a combination chemical, using any unexpended balance raised and appropriated for use of this committee, and to raise and appropriate an additional sum of money for this purpose, or to take any action in relation to same.

Article 13. To see if the Town will re-imburse the executrix of the will of Lura B. Day for certain funds paid by her to the Town, raise and appropriate money therefor, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to be expended for the suppression of the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $13,000, or any other sum, for the repair of sidewalks and the construction of new sidewalks.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appro-

priate the sum of $1500, or any other sum, for the repair of William street, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1000, or any other sum, in addition to prior appropriations, for the repair of Hope Street Bridge, and authorize its Board of road commissioners to make any contract or contracts in relation to said repairs, or take any action in relation to the foregoing.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in at least four public places in said Town, seven days at least before the time set for said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Hopedale, this 23rd day of February, A. D., 1916.

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG,
Selectmen of Hopedale.

Attest:
WALTER F. DURGIN,
CONSTABLE OF HOPEDALE.

Hopedale, March 6, 1916.

I have complied with the requirements of this Warrant by posting attested copies in four public places in said Town seven days before the time of said meeting.

Attest: WALTER F. DURGIN,
Constable of Hopedale.

A true copy of Warrant and return thereon.
Attest.

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, MARCH 6, 1916.

Pursuant to Warrant lawfully posted, the inhabitants of Hopedale, duly qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs met at Town Hall and punctually at nine o'clock in the forenoon were called to order by the Clerk of said town, who read the warrant and under:

Article 1. Mr. F. J. Dutcher was chosen Moderator with the use of the check list.

Article 2. Voted: That the town proceed to vote for the necessary town officers by ballot all upon one ballot; namely Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor, Selectmen, one Road Commissioner for three years, Overseers of Poor, Board of Health, Fence Viewers, one Overseer to serve three years, one member of the School Committee to serve for three years, five Constables, one Trustee of Public Library to serve three years, one Park Commissioner to serve three years, one Tree Warden to serve for one year, and a Surveyor of Lumber for one year; also to bring in their ballots "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?"

Article 3. Voted: Unanimously, that the report of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Engineers of the Fire Department, and all other officers of the town be accepted as printed.

Article 4. Voted: That the Chair appoint a Finance Committee of nine, who shall retire and recommend a list of appropriations for the year ensuing.

The Chair appointed the following to serve on this committee.

E. A. Darling,	E. D. Bancroft,	F. H. French
Dana Osgood,	C. E. Pierce,	B. H. B. Draper,
C. F. Butterworth,	W. S. Hague,	F. J. Dutcher.

Voted: To accept the report of the above committee, as read by the Secretary, Dana Osgood, and to act upon the same as a whole.

Voted: Unanimously, to raise and appropriate for heating,

care, teaching, supplies, text books, improvements, repairs and supervision of schools, the sum of $20,500 00
For Support of Library (exclusive of dog tax) 3,300 00
For Highway Department 8,000 00
For Fire Department, General Account 5,200 00
For Fire Department, new hose 400 00
For Fire Department, forest fires 100 00
For Incidental Department 6,500 00
For Water for Fire Purposes 3,250 00
For Street Lighting Account 4,100 00
For Interest Account 500 00
For Town Hall Account 500 00
For State and County Taxes 35,000 00
For Use of Tree Warden 750 00
For Poor Department 2,000 00
For Board of Health 300 00
For Park Commissioners 3,500 00

Article 5. Voted: That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1916, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 6. Voted: That the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money on and after January 1, 1917, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1917.

Article 7. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $60.00 to defray the expenses of Memorial Day, said amount to be paid Post 22, G. A. R.

Article 8. Voted: To turn over to the Library the money refunded to the town from the county on account of the dog tax.

Article 9. Voted: That the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the year 1916 be $275.00, all expense connected with the

collection of taxes for the year 1916 to be borne by the town and paid from the appropriation for the Incidental Department.

Article 10. Voted: That taxes for the current year shall be payable on September 1st, and that all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of November shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent. from said September 1st.

Article 11. Voted: To authorize the Selectmen to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the town.

Article 12. Voted: That the committee heretofore appointed to secure additional accommodations for fire apparatus be hereby authorized to purchase new apparatus, to dispose of any obsolete apparatus as recommended by the Fire Engineers: that the sum of $3500.00 be raised and appropriated toward the purchase of new apparatus, and the proceeds of sales, or any unexpended balance hereto appropriated for use of this committee may be used for the purchase of new apparatus or equipment.

Article 13. Voted: To pass the article.

Article 14. Voted: That the sum of $300.00 be raised and appropriated for the suppression of the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths.

Article 15. Voted: That the town raise and appropriate the sum of $13,000.00 for the repair of sidewalks and the construction of new sidewalks.

Article 16. Voted: That the sum of $1500.00 be and hereby is raised and appropriated for the repair of William Street.

Article 17. Voted: That the sum of $1500.00 be and hereby is raised and appropriated for the repair of the Hope Street Bridge, and that the Board of Road Commissioners be and hereby are authorized to make such contract or contracts, in the name and behalf of the town, in relation to such repairs as they shall deem wise.

Voted: That the polls be closed at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Punctually at one o'clock the polls were declared closed, the ballots cast were counted, and the result declared as follows:

License, Yes 1. No, 60.

There were 67 ballots cast for each of the following town officers, and same were declared elected.

Town Clerk, Wm. H. Jordan.

Treasurer, E. D. Bancroft.

Collector, Eugene S. Newhall.

Auditor, Adin A. Messinger.

Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Board of Health, and Fence Viewers, E. A. Darling, S. E. Kellogg, L. B. Gaskill.

Assessor for three years, Wm. W. Knights.

Road Commissioner for three years, Charles E. Pierce.

School Committee, three years, Frank J. Dutcher.

Trustee of Town Library, three years, Frank H. French.

Constables, Archibald E. Beck, Walter F. Durgin, Thomas F. Matthews, H. B. Leonard, Samuel Olivant.

Field Drivers, Norman S. Henry, Albion H. French, Frank Gaskill.

Tree Warden, C. E. Nutting.

Park Commissioner, three years, Charles F. Roper.

Surveyor of Lumber, Benj. L. Hodgdon.

Of the above-named Town officers, the following were present and sworn by the Moderator to the faithful performance of their duties: E. A. Darling, S. E. Kellogg, Walter F. Durgin, and Wm. H. Jordan.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

April 7th, 1916.

This is to certify that the following persons have been issued licenses to collect and deal in junk and second-hand articles, etc., within the Town of Hopedale until the first day of May, 1917:

License No. 1, M. Sneiderman, Milford, Mass., 158 Spruce St.
License No. 2, Samuel Rosenfeld, Medway, Mass.
License No. 3, David Marcus, Milford, Mass., 36 Depot St.
Licence No. 5, Max Pressman, Milford, Mass., 17 Green St.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE.

April 2, 1916.

This is to certify that a Permit has been granted to Adams Express Company, Depot Street, to transport spirituous or intoxicating liquors into or in the Town of Hopedale until the first day of May, 1917.

By the Selectmen:—

E. A DARLING,
S. E. KELLOGG,

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

Hopedale, May 1, 1916.

This is to certify that a Sixth Class Liquor License was this day granted Josiah J. Gibbs, druggist, Harrison Block, Hopedale, (to expire May 1, 1917) by the Selectmen of said Town.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE.

Board of Selectmen.

To James L. Newton.

You are hereby licensed to keep a Pool Room in Harrison Block, Hopedale Street, Hopedale, for hire, gain or reward, to be used for amusement merely, but not for the purpose of gaming for money or other property, and subject to the provisions of Chapter 102, Section 168 to 171, inclusive, of the Revised Laws and amendments thereof. This place shall be closed week nights at 11.30 P. M., and may be open Sunday forenoon for shining shoes until 11 A. M. This license unless sooner revoked by the Board of Selectmen, shall terminate on the first day of May, 1917, and is granted upon the condition that the licensee shall keep the license posted in a conspicuous place upon the licensed premises.

E. A. DARLING,
S. E. KELLOGG,
Selectmen of Hopedale.

May 12, 1916.

Received and recorded in the records of the Town of Hopedale on May 12, 1916.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

LIST OF JURORS, 1916.

Name.	Occupation	Residence.
Albee, Frank C.	Mason	So. Main Street
Arnold, Frank L.	Machinist	Dutcher Street
Bates, Henry M.	Machinist	Dutcher Street
Brown, Samuel	Machinist	Freedom Street
Bennett, Walter L.	Painter	So. Main Street
Craddock, James	Clerk	Park Street
Dewing, Hamblet E.	Gardener	Turnpike
Davis, William	Spindle Maker	Mill Street
French, Albion H.	Teamster	West Main Street
Fairbank, Charles M.	Machinist	Dutcher Street
Gaskill, R. G.	Spindle Maker	Mill Street
Grayson, W. H.	Blacksmith	Warfield Street
Hall, Edwin C.	Carpenter	Daniels Street
Hart, H. H.	Merchant	Dutcher Street
Henry, John S.	Screw Maker	Lake Street
Knights, William E.	Machinist	Mellen Street
Leonard, H. B.	Laborer	Bancroft Park
Mathewson, Frank E.	Machinist	Dutcher Street
Messinger, Adin A.	Foreman	Hopedale Street
Morrison, DeForest	Machinist	So. Main Street
Nelson, Arthur E.	Carpenter	So. Main Street
Stearns, William R.	Moulder	Freedom Street
Thayer, Charles M.	Clerk	Warfield Street
Westcott, A. A.	Manufacturer	Mill Street

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

October 9, 1916.

To the Road Commissioners of the Town of Hopedale.

Respectfully represent the undersigned, citizens of said Town that the interest and convenience of the inhabitants thereof require

that a town way or street be laid out which shall commence with the easterly line of Dutcher Street and extend easterly therefrom about one hundred and seventy-nine and sixty-one one-hundredths (179.61) feet in a line to be an extension of Hope Street as now laid out and constructed on the westerly line of said Dutcher Street, following substantially the lines of the private way now constructed, said street to be a continuation of the present Hope Street and to be known as Hope Street

Wherefore your petitioners respectfully ask your honorable board to lay out said street or way as soon as may be.

Hopedale, Mass., Sept. 18, 1916.

C. F. Butterworth,
G. Russell Goff,
Henry Lawrence.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE.

Office of the Board of Road Commissioners.

To Frank J. Dutcher and Geo. A. Draper of said town, and to the Draper Company, a Corporation located in said town, being owners of land over which the way or street hereinafter described is proposed to be laid out:

Upon the petition of citizens of said Hopedale to said board, asking that a way or street be laid out and constructed in said town, extending easterly from the easterly line of Dutcher Street about one hundred seventy-nine and sixty-one one-hundredths (179.61) feet, and extending in the line of the present Hope Street so as to be a continuation of said street on the easterly side of Dutcher Street, and to be known as Hope Street.

You are hereby notified that it is the intention of said board of road commissioners to lay out said street in accordance with the prayer of the petition; said proposed street or way to be laid out in

accordance with the following location, boundaries and measurements:—

The southerly line of said street begins at a corner of stone walls in the easterly line of Dutcher Street on land of Frank J. Dutcher, at that point at which said easterly line of Dutcher Street would be intersected by the southerly line of the present Hope Street if said line were extended easterly across said Dutcher Street, said southerly line to extend easterly on said Dutcher land with a stone wall in a line with the southerly line of the present Hope Street as extended easterly one hundred and seventy-nine and sixty-one one-hundredths (179.61) feet from said corner of walls in the easterly line of Dutcher Street to a stone bound. Said street lies on the northerly side of the afore-described southerly line and is thirty-three (33) feet wide, and its lines conform to the lines of the present Hope Street that is on the westerly side of Dutcher Street, as they would be if extended easterly across said Dutcher Street.

Said street or way is proposed to be laid out over land of said Frank J. Dutcher and land of the Draper Company and is abutted by lands of said Frank J. Dutcher and George A. Draper.

Said board will meet on the land above described over which said proposed way is to extend, on Monday the ninth day of October, 1916, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon to hear any and all persons interested in regard to such layout, and claims for damages and other matters that may then and there be heard.

Hopedale, Mass., Sept. 18, 1916.

CHARLES E. PIERCE,
GEO. A. DRAPER,
DANA OSGOOD,

Road Commissioners of the Town of Hopedale.

The undersigned hereby admits service of this notice, and waive all right to any further notice in regard to the layout of said street.

Draper Company,
By Geo. A. Draper, Treas.
Geo. A. Draper,
Frank J. Dutcher.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE

Board of Road Commissioners.

Upon the petition of certain residents of said town, asking that a way or street be laid out extending from the easterly line of Dutcher Street about one hundred seventy-nine and sixty-one one-hundredths (179.61) feet over lands of Frank J. Dutcher and of the Draper Company, so as to be in a line with Hope Street, as it would be if extended easterly across Dutcher Street, we, the board of road commissioners of said town, gave notice as required by law to all owners of land over which said way is laid out, and to all abutters on said way, of our intention to lay out said street and in accordance with said notice we met upon the location of said proposed way on Monday, the ninth day of October, 1916, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and heard all parties interested; and we have determined and adjudicated that public necessity and convenience require the laying out of a town way or street the boundaries and measurements of which way or street are as follows, namely:

The southerly line of said street begins at a corner of stone walls in the easterly line of Dutcher Street on land of Frank J. Dutcher, at that point at which said easterly line of Dutcher Street would be intersected by the southerly line of the present Hope Street if said line were extended easterly across said Dutcher Street, said southerly line to extend easterly on said Dutcher land with a stone wall in a line with the southerly line of the present Hope Street as extended easterly one hundred and seventy-nine and sixty-one one-hundredths (179.61) feet from said corner of walls in the easterly line of Dutcher Street to a stone bound. Said street lies on the northerly side of the afore-described southerly line and is thirty-three (33) feet wide, and its lines conform to the lines of the present Hope Street that is on the westerly side of Dutcher Street, as they would be if extended easterly across said Dutcher Street.

Said street is to be known as Hope Street and is as appears on a plan thereof filed with the Town Clerk, marked "Plan showing layouts of Prospect Street as extended southerly from Peace

Street, and Hope Street as extended easterly from Dutcher Street," dated April 14, 1916, made by G. C. Eastman, C. E.

Said town way or street as laid out extends over lands of the Draper Company and of Frank J. Dutcher, and is abutted by land of George A. Draper and Frank J. Dutcher.

We have determined and awarded as damages for the taking of land in the laying out of said street as follows: To Frank J. Dutcher, no damage; to the Draper Company, eight hundred thirty-three and 87-100 dollars ($833.87).

CHARLES E. PIERCE,
GEO. A. DRAPER,
DANA OSGOOD,

Board of Road Commissioners of the Town of Hopedale.

Hopedale, Mass., Oct. 9, 1916.

Filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, on October 9, 1916.

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE.

Board of Road Commissioners.

Upon the petition of certain residents of said town asking that a way or street be laid out extending from the southerly end of Prospect Street at Peace Street about three hundred and fifty-five (355) feet southerly over lands of the Draper Company and

Frank J. Dutcher, known to be a continuation of Prospect Street to Hope Street, as this day laid out by this board, we, the board of road commissioners, of said town, gave notice as required by law to all owners of land over which said way is laid out and to all abutters on said way, of our intention to lay out said street, and in accordance with said notice we met upon the location of said proposed way on Monday, the ninth day of October, 1916, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and heard all parties interested; and we have determined and adjudicated that public necessity and convenience required the laying out of a town way or street, the boundaries and measurements of which way or street are as follows: namely:

The southerly or easterly line (as the same may be called) of said street begins at a stone bound in a stone wall on land of Frank J. Dutcher, which stone bound marks the easterly end of the southerly line of Hope Street as this day laid out by this board. The said line extends easterly curving to the north with a curve, the radius of which is one hundred eleven and seven-hundredths (111.07) feet; one hundred seventy-two and six-tenths (172.6) feet to a stone bound running part of the way along the stone wall; thence extends northerly one hundred eighty-two and forty-eight one-hundredths (182.48) feet to a stone bound which is in line with the southerly line of Peace Street and in the southerly end of Prospect Street as now laid out and constructed. Said street lies on the westerly side of the afore-described line and is thirty-three (33) feet in width.

Said street is to be known as Prospect Street and is an extension of the present Prospect Street as now laid out and constructed from Peace Street to the easterly limit of Hope street, as this day laid out by this board, and is as appears on a plan filed with the Town Clerk, marked "Plan showing layouts of Prospect Street as extended southerly from Peace Street, and Hope Street as extended easterly from Dutcher Street."

Said town way or street as laid out extends over lands of the Draper Company and of Frank J. Dutcher, and is abutted by land of George A. Draper, and of Frank J. Dutcher.

We have determined and awarded as damages for the taking of land in the laying out of said street as follows: To Frank J.

Dutcher, no damage; to the Draper Company, sixteen hundred sixty-seven and 75-100 dollars ($1667.75).

CHARLES E. PIERCE,
GEO. A. DRAPER,
DANA OSGOOD,

Board of Road Commissioners of the Town of Hopedale.

Hopedale, Mass., Oct. 9, 1916.

Filed in the office of the Town Clerk on Oct. 9, 1916.

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester, ss:

To either Constable of the Town of Hopedale, in said County, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Tuesday, the seventh day of November, A. D., 1916, it being the first Tuesday after the first Monday, punctually at 5.45 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls will be opened for said voters to give in their ballots to the Selectmen for Presidential Electors; Senator in Congress; Congressman; Governor; Lieutenant Governor; Secretary; Treasurer; Auditor; Attorney General; Counsellor; Senator; Representative in General Court; County Commissioner; two Asso-

ciate County Commissioners; District Attorney; Clerk of Courts; Register of Deeds; all on one ballot designating the office intended for each person voted for. Also upon said ballots the voters shall give in their votes, "Yes" or "No" in answer to the following questions:

Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, to make the first day of January, known as New Year's Day, a legal holiday, be approved and become law?

Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, entitled "An Act to prevent the voters of one political party from voting in the primaries of another political party" be approved and become law?

Shall there be a convention to revise, alter or amend the constitution of the Commonwealth?

The polls may be closed at one o'clock in the afternoon on said day of meeting.

At twelve o'clock noon, on the above mentioned 7th day of November, at the same place, there will be a meeting of the above described inhabitants qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to act upon the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the report of any committees appointed by the Town, and act thereon.

Article 3. To see what money, if any, the town will appropriate from any unexpended money remaining in the treasury, to be used by the School Committee for repairs of the schoolhouses, or any of them.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt the laying out of Hope Street as reported by the Board of Road Commissioners, and appropriate money for the payment of the damages awarded, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt the laying out of Prospect Street as reported by the Board of Road Commissioners, and appropriate money for the payment of the damages awarded, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money from any funds in the treasury to be used for the purpose of repairing and rebuilding the fire alarm service on Adin Street and West Main Street, or either of said streets, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 293 of the Acts of 1916, the same being an act to authorize the licensing by cities and towns of motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in at least four public places in said Town, seven days at least before the time set for said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said Town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Hopedale, the 25th day of October A. D., 1916.

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG,

Selectmen of Hopedale.

Attest:
WALTER F. DURGIN,
CONSTABLE OF HOPEDALE.

Hopedale, Mass., Nov. 7, 1916.

I have complied with the requirements of the Warrant by posting attested copies in the several places herein named.

WALTER F. DURGIN,
Constable of Hopedale.

A true copy of the Warrant and doings thereon.
Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER 7, 1916.

Pursuant to Warrant lawfully posted, the inhabitants of Hopedale, duly qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, met at Town Hall and punctually at 5.45 o'clock in the forenoon, were called to order by the Clerk of said Town, who read the Warrant, after which the polls were declared open.

The cards of instructions and sample ballots being previously posted, the ballot clerks and deputy ballot clerks were sworn to the faithful performance of their duty, the official ballots delivered by the presiding officer to the ballot clerks, who receipted therefor.

The ballot box registered at zero, and was shown to be empty, the same was locked and the keys delivered to Constable Walter F. Durgin.

Voting then proceeded.

At twelve o'clock noon, there was a meeting of the above described inhabitants, and under

Article 1. Mr. Frank J. Dutcher was chosen Moderator.

Article 2. No reports.

Article 3. Voted: Unanimously, that the sum of one thousand dollars be and hereby is appropriated from any unexpended money remaining in the treasury for the use of the School Committee in repairing or improving the school houses, or any of them.

Article 4. That the Town does hereby accept and adopt the laying out of Hope Street as reported by the Board of Road Commissioners, and that the sum of eight hundred and thirty-three and 87-100 dollars ($833.87) be, and hereby is appropriated from any unappropriated and unexpended funds in the hands of the treasurer, for the payment of the damages awarded by the Road Commissioners in the laying out of said street.

Article 5. Voted: That the town does hereby accept and adopt the laying out of Prospect Street as reported by the Board of Road Commissioners, and that the sum of sixteen hundred sixty-seven and 75-100 dollars ($1667.75) be, and hereby is appropriated from any unappropriated and unexpended funds in the

hands of the treasurer, for the payment of the damages awarded by the Road Commissioners in the layout of said street.

Article 6. Voted: That the town appropriate the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars ($350.00) from any unexpended funds in the hands of the treasurer for the purpose of repairing and rebuilding the fire alarm service on Adin street and West Main Street.

Article 7. Voted: That the town do accept the provisions of Chapter 293 of the Acts of 1916, the same being an act to authorize the licensing by cities and towns of motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire.

On the motion of Mr. C. F. Butterworth, it was Voted: That the polls be closed at 8 o'clock, P. M.

At 1.30 P. M. the ballot box which registered 405 was opened by Constable Walter F. Durgin, and 405 ballots were taken therefrom. The tellers being duly sworn, as the law directs, counting proceeded.

At 5.10 o'clock P. M. the ballot box which now registered 462 was again opened by Constable Durgin and 57 more ballots taken therefrom.

At 8.00 o'clock P. M. the polls were declared closed, the ballot box now registered 501, and 39 more ballots were taken therefrom, making a total of 501, 501 names had been checked on the ballot clerk's list and 501 names had been checked on the voting list.

The ballot was declared in open meeting as follows:

Electors of President and Vice President.

Benson and Kirkpatrick, Socialist 3

At Large.	Louis F. Weiss of Worcester.
At Large.	Howard A. Gibbs of Attleboro.
District 1.	Reuben V. Clark of Greenfield.
District 2.	Samuel M. Jones of Springfield.
District 3.	Victor Annala of Fitchburg.
District 4.	James Cronin of Worcester.
District 5.	William A. Chase of Lowell.
District 6.	Ralph E. Gardner of Haverhill.

District 7. Archibald H. Adamson of Methuen.
District 8. John S. Young of Cambridge.
District 9. William Sanborn of Somerville.
District 10. John J. McEttrick of Boston.
District 11. Moses J. Konikow of Boston.
District 12. Louis Marcus of Boston.
District 13. Eugene Hough of Newton.
District 14. Zoell Thibadeau of Brockton.
District 15. Louis Schriver of North Attleboro.
District 16. Robert Metcalf of New Bedford.

Hanly and Landrith, Prohibition 5

At Large. William Shaw of Andover.
At Large. John B. Lewis of Reading.
District 1. Oliver L. Bartlett of Pittsfield.
District 2. William G. Rogers of Wilbraham.
District 3. Albert C. Brown of Fitchburg.
District 4. William W. Nash of Westborough.
District 5. Charles W. Leach of Stow.
District 6. John E. Peterson of Gloucester.
District 7. Wilbur D. Moon of Lynn.
District 8. Stuart B. Remick of Melrose.
District 9. William G. Merrill of Malden.
District 10. Franklin S. Sprague of Boston.
District 11. Obed Baker of Boston.
District 12. Solon W. Bingham of Boston.
District 13. Moses D. Monroe of Newton.
District 14. Albert J. Orem of Sharon.
District 15. John M. Fisher of Attleboro.
District 16. James I. Bartholomew of New Bedford.

Hughes and Fairbanks, Republican 329

At Large. George v. L. Meyer of Hamilton.
At Large. Edward A. Thurston of Fall River.
District 1. Kelton B. Miller of Pittsfield.
District 2. Gurdon W. Gordon of Springfield.
District 3. George R. Wallace of Fitchburg.
District 4. Webster Thayer of Worcester.

District 5.	Herbert E. Fletcher of Westford.
District 6.	Isaac Patch of Gloucester.
District 7.	Charles Cabot Johnson of Nahant.
District 8.	Arthur Black of Winchester.
District 9.	Charles Bruce of Everett.
District 10.	Joseph B. Maccabe of Boston.
District 11.	Grafton D. Cushing of Boston.
District 12.	George F. Lawley of Boston.
District 13.	George S. Smith of Newton.
District 14.	Horace A. Keith of Brockton.
District 15.	Frederick E. Goff of Taunton.
District 16.	Phineas C. Headley, Jr., of Fairhaven.

Reimer and Harrison, Socialist Labor 1

At Large.	Oscar Kinsalas of Lynn.
At Large.	Ingvar Paulsen of Boston.
District 1.	Henry Noffke of Holyoke.
District 2.	Daniel S. Law of West Springfield.
District 3.	John A. Anderson of Gardner.
District 4.	William Taylor of Worcester.
District 5.	John McKinnon of Lowell.
District 6.	Jeremiah P. McNally of Salem.
District 7.	Ezekiel Hamburger of Lynn.
District 8.	Frederick Roberts of Medford.
District 9.	Andrew Mortenson of Somerville.
District 10.	Paul E. Anderson of Boston.
District 11.	Henry C. Hess of Boston.
District 12.	Harry Keller of Boston.
District 13.	Dyer Enger of Ashland.
District 14.	John A. Fredrickson of Braintree.
District 15.	Albert Barnes of Fall River.
District 16.	Jeremiah O'Fihelly of Plymouth.

Wilson and Marshall, Democratic 150

At Large.	David I. Walsh of Fitchburg.
At Large.	Sherman L. Whipple of Brookline.
District 1.	Harry A. Garfield of Williamstown.
District 2.	Thomas F. Harrington of Springfield.

District 3. Marcus C. Coolidge of Fitchburg.
District 4. H. Oscar Rocheleau of Worcester.
District 5. Humphrey O'Sullivan of Lowell.
District 6. Charles F. Ropes of Salem.
District 7. Simeon Viger of Lawrence.
District 8. Eugene Wambaugh of Cambridge.
District 9. Marcus Beebe of Malden.
District 10. William Taylor of Boston.
District 11. Josiah Quincy of Boston.
District 12. John MacDonnell of Boston.
District 13. Edward E. Ginsburg of Boston
District 14. Charles M. Hickey of Brockton.
District 15. John F. Doherty of Fall River.
District 16. Thomas C. Thacher of Yarmouth.

Blanks 13

GOVERNOR.

James Hayes of Plymouth, Socialist Labor.	1
Chester R. Lawrence of Boston, Prohibition	12
Samuel W. McCall of Winchester, Republican	368
Frederick W. Mansfield of Boston, Democratic	104
Dan A. White of Brockton, Socialist	3
Blanks	13

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Calvin Coolidge of Northampton, Republican	391
Alfred H. Evans of Hadley,Prohibition	12
Sylvester J. McBride of Watertown, Socialist	2
Thomas J. Maher of Medford, Socialist Labor	2
Thomas P. Riley of Malden, Democratic	81
Blanks	13

SECRETARY.

Thomas F. Brennan of Salem, Socialist Labor.....	0
Leon R. Eyges of Brookline, Democratic	72
Louise Adams Grout of Boston, Socialist	4

Albert P. Langtry of Springfield, Republican	387
Blanks	38

Treasurer.

Charles L. Burrill of Boston, Republican	389
Frederick E. Oelcher of Peabody, Socialist Labor	2
Elam K. Sheldon of Greenfield, Socialist	3
Henry N. Teague of Williamstown, Democratic	75
Blanks	32

Auditor.

Joseph Bearak of Boston, Socialist	3
Frank Bohmbach of Boston, Socialist Labor	0
Alonzo B. Cook of Boston, Republican	383
John B. N. Soulliere of Worcester, Democratic	70
Blanks	45

Attorney General.

Henry C. Attwill of Lynn, Republican	386
Joseph Joyce Donahue of Medford, Democratic	75
Joseph Jiskra of Milford, Socialist Labor	0
John Weaver Sherman of Boston, Socialist	3
Blanks	37

Senator in Congress.

John F. Fitzgerald of Boston, Democratic	106
Henry Cabot Lodge of Nahant, Republican	358
William N. McDonald of Northampton, Socialist	6
Blanks	31

Congressman (Fourth District)

John H. Hunt of Worcester, Democratic	94
Richard D. Murphy of Worcester, Prohibition	11
Samuel E. Winslow of Worcester, Republican	367
Blanks	29

Councillor (Seventh District)

Frank V. Justen of Fitchburg, Socialist	9
Channing Smith of Leicester, Republican	377
Blanks	115

Senator (Fourth Worcester District)

George Fred Hart of Webster, Republican	377
John T. McLoughlin of Milford, Democratic	89
Blanks	35

Representative in General Court. (Eighth Worcester District)

Dennis F. Duggan of Northbridge, Democratic	97
James R. Ferry of Northbridge, Republican	371
Blanks	33

County Commissioner (Worcester County)

George W. Cook of Barre, Republican	393
Blanks	108

Associate Commissioners (Worcester County)

George F. Birch of Milford, Republican	1
Adin A. Messinger of Hopedale, Republican	1
Blanks	1000

District Attorney (Middle District)

Edward T. Esty of Worcester, Republican	372
John M. Thayer of Worcester, Democratic	74
Blanks	55

Clerk of Courts (Worcester County)

Theodore S. Johnson of Worcester, Republican	366
Blanks	135

Register of Deeds (Worcester District)

Daniel Kent of Worcester, Republican	367
Blanks	134

"Shall there be a convention to revise, alter or amend the constitution of the commonwealth?"

Yes	139
No	119
Blanks	243

"Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, to make the first day of January, known as New Year's Day, a legal holiday, be approved and become law?"

Yes	206
No	141
Blanks	154

"Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, entitled 'An Act to prevent the voters of one political party from voting in the primaries of another political party' be approved and become law?"

Yes	189
No	95
Blanks	217

After the reading of the foregoing by the presiding officer, Selectman E. A. Darling, the check lists used by the Selectmen and ballot clerks together with the cancelled and unused ballots and tally sheets were delivered into the custody of the Town Clerk.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester, ss:

Northbridge, Nov. 17, 1916.

In compliance with Sections 322 to 325 inclusive of Chapter 835 of the Acts of 1913, we, the town clerks of the towns of

Blackstone, Hopedale, Mendon and Northbridge, which towns comprise the Eighth Worcester Representative District, this day met at the office of the Town Clerk in said Northbridge, and canvassed the return of votes in said towns for our Representative in the General Court, to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday in January next. Said votes were returned to us as by law required, and were given in at a legal meeting held in each of said towns for that purpose, on the seventh day of November, A. D., 1916, and was shown by the following tabular statement:

	Blackstone	Hopedale	Mendon	Northbridge	Total
Dennis F. Duggan of Northbridge	340	97	52	550	1039
James R. Ferry of Northbridge	172	371	103	651	1297
Blanks	45	33	23	82	183
Totals	557	501	178	1283	2519

James R. Ferry of Northbridge in said Representative District having received the largest number of votes, was declared elected, and to him was a certificate of election issued, also a duplicate certificate sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the law requires.

In witness whereof, we, the town clerks of Blackstone, Hopedale, Mendon and Northbridge, have hereunto set our names this 17th day of November, A. D. 1916.

JAMES HEFFERNAN, Town Clerk of Blackstone,
WILLIAM H. JORDAN, Town Clerk of Hopedale,
CHARLES H. ALLEN, Town Clerk of Mendon,
JOSEPH A. JOHNSTON, Town Clerk of Northbridge.

A true copy.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

This is to certify that all Town Officers who did not take the oath of office at Town Meeting on March 6th, 1916, subsequently appeared and were sworn as follows:

Before Wm. H. Jordan, Town Clerk:

Hiram B. Leonard, Constable, March 6, 1916.
Eugene S. Newhall, Tax Collector, March 6, 1916.
Adin A. Messinger, Auditor, March 6, 1916.
Wm. W. Knights, Assessor, March 7, 1916.
Frank J. Dutcher, School Committee, March 7, 1916.
Frank H. French, Library Trustee, March 7, 1916.
Charles E. Pierce, Road Commissioner, March 7, 1916.
Thomas F. Matthews, Constable, March 7, 1916.
Lewis B. Gaskill, Selectman, March 11, 1916.
Albion H. French, Field Driver, March 13, 1916.
Norman Henry, Field Driver, March 14, 1916.
Archibald E. Beck, Constable, March 21, 1916.
Samuel Olivant, Constable, May 4, 1916.
Arthur C. Johnson, Library Trustee, June 13, 1916.
Benj. L. Hodgdon, Surveyor of Lumber, June 27, 1916.

Before Frank J. Dutcher, Justice of the Peace:

Eben D. Bancroft, Treasurer, March 6, 1916.
Charles E. Nutting, Tree Warden, March 6, 1916.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

JURORS DRAWN.

Hiram B. Leonard, Grand Juror, Jan. 7, 1916.
William R. Stearns, Traverse Juror, Feb. 23, 1916.

DOG LICENSES ISSUED.

75 Male. 5 Female. Amount sent to County Treasurer, $159.00, of which amount $143.13 was returned to the town.

HUNTERS' LICENSES ISSUED.

Resident 114.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1916.

DATE	NAME	PARENTS
1916		
Jan. 5	Chester Raymond Sayles,	William J. and Elizabeth (Sears).
Jan. 6	Sahak Asdick Torosian,	Asdick S. and Annie K. (Jerakian).
Jan. 10	Charles Leslie Kaberry,	Charles and Jennie (Garbutt).
Jan. 14	Pasquale Dalio,	Antonio and Lucy (Altamura).
Jan, 22	Edward Leander Brown,	Fred E. and Emily (Burlingame).
Feb. 10	Joseph Francis Brown,	Joseph and Nora (O'Connell).
Feb. 14	Margaret Henderson,	C. A. and Mattie L. (Wright).
Feb 24	Barbara Elizabeth Davis,	Frank B. and Edith M. (Fuller).
Feb. 25	Earl Vincent Regan,	James W. and Lucy A. (Buckley).
Feb. 25	Ruth Geoedith Mintoft,	John and Geoedith (Bailey).
Feb. 27	Stillborn,	
Mch. 1	Robert Arthur Belair,	Arthur and Helen (Burnett).
Mch. 5	Katherine Freeman Eastwood,	William C. and Ada B. (Freeman).
Mch. 9	Paul Kossuth Parker,	George F. and Elena T. (O'Brien).
Mch. 10	Marjorie Rose Rockwood,	Arthur L. and Rose V. (Collins).
Mch. 11	Rolland Stewart Brison,	Rolland S. and Pearl R. (Davis).
Mch. 19	Earl Leo Dusoe,	George K. and Matilda (LeCour).
Mch. 24	Robert Miller Hilton,	Ernest L. and Carolyn (Miller).
Mch. 28	Edith Muriel Turner,	James M. and Rose E. (Draper).
Apr. 1	Eleanor Betsey Howland,	Ray C. and Florence E. (Dow).
Apr. 9	Joseph Albert Jacques,	Joseph and Margaret (King).
Apr. 10	Anna Mae Barrows,	Charles E. and Anna L. (Kirby).
Apr. 14	Pasquale Lombardi,	Pasquale and Cashime (Solzi).
Apr. 26	Nello Rossini,	Peter and Teresa (Costiguarni).
Apr. 29	Janet Lapworth,	Frank A. and Mary L. (Wood).
Apr. 29	Paul Francis Cannon,	Edward M. and Catherine A. (Phillips).
Apr. 30	Lillian Forster,	Charles A. and Mary M. (Ross).
May 4	George Alfred Falcone,	Joseph and Susan (Armeno).
May 7	Ethelyn Leone Hammond,	Lewis B. and Minnie B. (Earl)
May 19	Virginia Marie Burke,	Walter E. and Margaret (O'Reilly).
May 24	Miriam Lapworth,	Winfield S. and Henrietta (Bates).
June 9	Stillborn,	
June 11	Norman Walter Taylor,	Walter E. and Sadie L. (Stickles).
June 13	Antoinette Bartelli,	Sante and Rocheti (Carolla).
June 15	Verna Catherine Boomer,	Ezra and Catherine (Cameron).
June 16	Stillborn,	
June 25	Marjorie Roberts,	Earl W. and Kara (Draper).
June 27	Barbara M. Smart,	John and Grace B. (Evers).
June 28	Glenna Margaret Woodhead,	Albert H. and Margaret J. (McMillan).
June 29	Robert Gaylord Kearsley,	William W. and Myra A. (Gaylord).
July 26	Angelina Bagnoli,	Santo and Palmaria (Pederzoli).
July 27	Alfred Barton Cook,	Harold R. and Gertrude M. (Stevens).
July 28	Virginia Hope Harback,	Ralph W. and Florence E. (Ballou).
Aug. 8	Melvin Cromwell Streeter,	Nathan R. and Eda L. (Robinson).
Aug. 8	Clarence L. Webster, Jr.,	Clarence L. and Nettie (Smith).
Aug. 14	Darwin Daniel Draper,	George E. and Sophia (Pope).
Aug. 30	Amelio Dominici,	Luigi and Lucy (Bacchiachi).
Aug. 30	Beatrice Elizabeth Sears,	Joseph M. and Ethel (Barr).
Sept. 4	Francis Gaffney,	John F. and Emma F. (Grant).
Sept. 8	George Raymond Lemon,	Raymond D. and Susie A. (Norton).
Sept. 21	George Edwin Hanley,	John A. and Mary A. (Hayes).
Sept. 22	Lincoln Paul Morton,	Harry and Georgiana P. (Raymond).
Sept. 25	Stillborn,	
Sept. 25	Ruth Alma Metcalf,	Fredrick W. and Clara E. (Southwick).
Oct. 10	Charles Leslie Wheeler,	Charles W. and Vena W. (Pierce).
Oct. 13	Grace Taft,	George K. and Frances A. (Holden).
Oct. 14	Grace Gaffney,	James E. and Annie C. (Rooney).
Oct. 19	Angelina Condelieri,	Angelo and Landina (Tortorella).
Oct. 30	Donald Fletcher Washburn,	A. Allen and Lillian (Fletcher).
Nov. 3	Gordon Andrew Hickey,	William and Martha (Smith).
Nov. 9	Michele Iadarola,	Albert and Carmela (Niro).
Nov. 12	Martha Ellen Nealley,	Howell F. and Pearl M. (Philpot)
Nov. 20	Winnifred Taplin,	Warren H. and Helen (Van Duzee)
Dec. 1	John Dana Boomer,	John W. and Ida B. (Weaver).
Dec. 11	Berton Edward Emig,	Edward D. and Jennie M. (Robinson).
Dec. 14	Stillborn,	
Dec. 15	Charles Romma,	Frank and Mary (Calarese).
Dec. 16	Barbara Eames Clarridge,	Edwin and Elizabeth (Watkins).

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1916.

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	AGE	MARRIAGE	BY WHOM AND WHERE MARRIED
1916					
Jan. 1	Harold C. Wilcox,	Providence, R. I.,	23	1st	Rev. Richard Peters,
	Hannah E. Grayson,	Hopedale,	21	1st	Hopedale.
Feb. 22	Raymond R. Davis,	Hopedale,	26	1st	Rev. Henry E. Townsend,
	Rose G. Allison,	Bellingham,	25	1st	Portland, Me.
Apr. 17	Guiseppe Cervasi,	Hopedale,	32	1st	William G. Pond, J. P.,
	Antonia Biagiarelli,	Hopedale,	22	1st	Milford.
Apr. 30	Joseph Rossini,	Hopedale,	25	1st	Rev. Erminio Lona,
	Genevieve Trotta,	Milford,	20	1st	Milford.
May 9	Henry A. Cunningham,	Hopedale,	27	1st	Rev. James A. Dunphy,
	Mary Doucette,	Hopedale,	24	1st	Milford.
May 30	Ernest W. Dunford,	Hopedale,	22	1st	Rev. A. W. Wiswall,
	Helen E. Carter,	Uxbridge,	24	1st	Uxbridge.
June 5	Thomas E. Flooks,	Hopedale,	21	1st	Rev. P. J. Meehan,
	Margaret E. Benjamin,	Uxbridge,	20	1st	Uxbridge.
June 7	Lester B. Libbey,	Milford,	26	1st	Rev. C. A. Henderson,
	Hattie E. Durgin,	Hopedale,	23	1st	Hopedale.
June 14	William H. Chase,	Hopedale,	47	1st	Rev. Asa M. Parker,
	Isabella F. Brown,	Malden,	38	1st	Malden.
June 26	Clarence E. Barrows,	Hopedale,	21	1st	Rev. Willis B. Hawk,
	Clara A. Allen,	Milford,	18	1st	Milford.
June 29	Warren W. Dutcher,	Hopedale,	35	1st	Rev. Allen E. Cross,
	Irene A. Sweet,	Milford,	27	1st	Milford.
July 1	George E. Murray,	Hopedale,	49	2nd	Rev. James A. Dunphy,
	Catherine (Burke) McKenna,	Hopedale,	47	2nd	Milford.
July 5	William T. Hubbs,	Hopedale,	24	2nd	Rev. J. Wallace Chesbro,
	Lillian M. Carter,	Uxbridge,	21	1st	Bellows Falls, Vt.
July 29	Harry F. Pierce,	Hopedale,	42	1st	Rev. James B. King,
	Eva J. Walker,	Milford,	30	1st	Hopkinton.
Aug. 5	A. Freeman Messinger,	Hopedale,	26	1st	Rev. C. A. Henderson,
	Mabel M. Taft,	Mendon,	25	1st	Mendon.
Aug. 5	John G. C. Moore,	Hopedale,	31	1st	Rev. David F. McGrath,
	Flossie M. (Austin) Keating,	Hopedale,	24	2nd	Milford.
Aug. 7	Harry E. Bates,	Attleboro,	31	1st	Rev. Richard Peters,
	Fannie E. (Philpott) Chute,	Hopedale,	33	2nd	Hopedale.
Aug. 16	Roswell L. Look,	Hopedale,	39	1st	Rev. Richard Peters,
	Florence E. Whitney,	Jonesboro, Me.,	25	1st	Hopedale.
Sept. 5	Matthew F. Mooney,	Hopedale,	25	1st	Charles R. Johnson, J. P.
	Florence E. Wilson,	Bellingham,	20	1st	Worcester.
Oct. 14	L. Marshall Newell,	Hopedale,	19	1st	Rev. Willis B. Hawk,
	Edith A. Taft,	Upton,	20	1st	West Upton.
Oct. 16	Charles H. Atwood,	Providence, R. I.,	28	1st	Rev. Richard Peters,
	Annette M. Young,	Providence, R. I.,	27	1st	Hopedale.
Oct. 28	Harry B. Grant,	Hopedale,	23	1st	Rev. P. J. Walsh,
	Elizabeth Tyler,	Waltham,	24	1st	Waltham.
Nov. 4	Roy H. Gaskill,	Hopedale,	29	1st	Rev. Lewis G. Wilson,
	Ines L. Kent,	Malden,	26	1st	Quincy.
Nov. 22	George Wilson,	Hopedale,	23	1st	Rev. Henry Arnold,
	Olive Wood,	Fall River,	20	1st	Fall River.
Nov. 24	Harry W. Scanlon,	Hopedale,	26	1st	Rev. S. H. Smith,
	Margaret B. Munroe,	Bellingham,	27	1st	Bellows Falls, Vt.
Nov. 30	John J. Hickey,	Milford,	24	1st	Rev. John J. Rogers,
	Mary K. Sayles,	Hopedale,	21	1st	Milford.
Dec. 2	Lee L. Smith,	Hopedale,	25	1st	Rev. John T. Creagh,
	Julia A. Smith,	Brookline,	25	1st	Brookline.
Dec. 2	Fred E. Mason,	Hopedale,	26	1st	Rev. Richard Peters,
	Emma J. (Loverin) Power,	Hopedale,	29	2nd	Hopedale.
Dec. 26	Albert F. LeMier,	Hopedale,	21	1st	Rev. David F. McGrath,
	Hilda E. Gustavson,	Hopedale,	21	1st	Milford.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1916

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	AGE Y	AGE M	AGE D	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BIRTH
1916						
Jan. 1	Michael B. Coakley,	62	–	–	Chronic Nephritis,	Ireland.
Jan. 2	Maria Colabatista,	0	11	20	Broncho Pneumonia,	Hopedale.
Jan. 3	Stanley Lundy,	2	8	25	Valvular Heart Disease,	Providence, R. I.
Jan. 9	Ellen M. (Hersey) Hayward,	66	4	27	Valvular Heart Disease,	Hopkinton.
Jan. 20	Origen B. Young,	78	8	22	Diabetes,	Slatersville, R. I.
Feb. 12	William F. Lundy,	34	5	7	Phthisis,	Woonsocket, R. I.
Feb. 27	Abbott Lawrence,	73	10	19	Endocarditis,	Bellingham.
Feb. 27	Stillborn,					
Mch. 1	Mary A. (Greenwood) Rockwood,	58	2	6	Croupous Pneumonia,	Sherborne.
Mch. 15	Charles P. Turner,	66	2	13	Angina Pectoris,	Maine.
Mch. 21	Charlotte Culligan,	4	1	16	Acute Endocarditis,	Fall River.
Apr. 18	Mattie L. (Wright) Henderson,	39	0	18	Peritonitis.	Paris, Mo.
May 3	Robert Edward Cole,	0	9	5	Peritonitis.	Hopedale.
May 12	Horace A. Tillatson,	25	11	24	Septicaemia,	Hopedale.
May 13	Fred Pickard,	56	6	24	Angina Pectoris.	England.
May 29	Frank H. French,	62	5	21	Brights Disease,	Gilmanton, N. H.
June	Stillborn,					
June 16	– – – – – – Carr,	0	0	1	Premature Birth.	Hopedale.
June 27	Josephine Jefferson,	27	6	3	Pulmonary Tuberculosis,	Boston.
Aug. 12	Forrest W. Nichols,	40	4	21	Accidental Drowning,	Wilbraham.
Aug. 14	John H. Hunting,	84	3	15	Chronic Nephritis,	Needham.
Sept. 5	Daniel Jordan,	59	0	1	Heart Disease,	Milford.
Sept. 5	John R. Armstrong,	2	0	17	Gastro Enteritis,	Hills Grove, R. I.
Sept. 25	Stillborn,					
Oct. 13	Anna (Munyon) Goldsmith,	64	2	2	Diabetes Mellitus,	Holden,
Oct. 28	Sarah O. (Chapin) Cummings,	79	2	20	Carcinoma of the bowel,	Milford.
Nov. 4	Ethel M. (Jenkins) Force,	25	7	17	Brights Disease,	Hopedale.
Nov 5	Lucy A. (Unwin) Turner,	70	2	6	Carcinoma Intestines,	Canada.
Nov. 14	Charles F. Roper,	68	11	3	Fatty degeneration of the heart,	Manchester, N. H.
Nov. 27	Ellen L. (Sloper) Walker,	74	2	28	Arterio Sclerosis,	Boston.
Dec. 15	Stillborn,					
Dec. 19	Chester G. Carter,	27	10	27	Suicide, Hanging,	Wentworth, N. H.
Dec. 22	Marshall E. Davenport,	64	9	20	Arterio Sclerosis,	Mendon.

Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the above lists and if any errors or omissions are discovered report them at once to the town clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that the records of Vital Statistics should be complete. Herewith are extracts from the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, Vol. 1, Chap. 29, as amended by Chap. 280, Acts 1912.

Section 1. Physicians and midwives shall within forty-eight hours after the birth of every child in cases of which they were in charge, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred a notice stating the date and place of birth, giving the street number, if any, the number of the ward in a city and the family name. Failure to mail or deliver the said notice shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each offence. The notice required by this section need not be given if the notice required by the following section is given within forty-eight hours after the birth occurs.

Section 2. Physicians and midwives shall make and keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which they were in charge and shall, within fifteen days after the birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred, a report of the birth, stating the date and place, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, and the names, ages, places of birth, occupations and residence of the parents, giving the street number, if there be any, and the number of the ward in a city, the maiden name of the mother, and whether or not the physician or midwife signing the birth return personally attended the birth. If the child is illegitimate, the name and other facts relating to the father shall not be stated except at the request in writing of both the father and mother filed with the rtturn. The record to be kept by the physician or midwife, as above provided, shall also contain the facts hereby required to be reported to the city or town clerk. The fee of the physician or midwife shall be twenty-five cents for every birth so reported, which shall be paid by the city or town where the report is made, upon presentation to the city or town treasurer of a certificate from the city or town clerk stating that the said birth has been properly reported to him. The report required to be made by this section is in addition to the

report required to be made by the preceding section, and as above provided, if made within forty-eight hours of the birth, the report required by the preceding section shall not be required. A physician or midwife who neglects to make and keep the record hereby required, or who neglects to report in the manner specified above each birth within fifteen days thereafter, shall for each offense forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars. The city or town clerk or registrar shall file daily with the local board of health a list of all births reported to him giving the following facts; date of birth, sex, color, family name, residence, ward, physician, or midwife.

SECTION 6. Parents within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after the birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which such child is born.

Blanks can be obtained on application to the town clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1916.

All details of accounts not elsewhere shown will be found in this report.

E. D. Bancroft, Treasurer.

Corporation, Bank and Street Railway Tax in account with E. D. Bancroft, Treasurer.

By Cash, 1916 Corporation Tax, Public Service		$ 5,421 08
Cash, 1916 Corporation Tax, Business		567 21
Cash, 1916 Bank Tax		24,489 43
Cash, 1916 Street Railway Tax		412 46
To 1916 Corporation Tax, Public Service	$5,421 08	
1916 Corporation Tax, Business	567 21	
1916 Bank Tax	24,489 43	
1916 Street Railway Tax	412 46	
	$30,890 18	$30,890 18

State Aid in account with E. D. Bancroft, Treasurer.

By Amount received from State on 1915 account		$384 00
Balance due from State on 1916 account		456 00
To Amount charged State on 1915 account	$384 00	
Amount paid for orders and charged State on 1916 account	456 00	
	$840 00	$840 00

LIBRARY TRUST ACCOUNT, in account with E. B. BANCROFT, Treas.

By balance from last account		$28,000 00
Cash, interest from investment		1,329 63
Unexpended balance, 1915 account ..		630 75
To balance, invested	$28,000 00	
Unexpended balance in Treasurer's hands	1,960 38	
	$29,960 38	$29,960 38

DETAIL OF LIBRARY TRUST FUND.

Joseph B. Bancroft, Bancroft fund	$1,000 00
Estate Joseph B. Bancroft, Bancroft fund	1,000 00
Lilla B. Bracken, Sarah M. Whipple fund	1,000 00
Estate Lura B. Day, Bancroft-Day fund	5,000,00
Estate Lura B. Day, Joseph B. and Sylvia W. Bancroft fund	20,000 00
Total	$28,000 00

PARK TRUST ACCOUNT, in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treas.

By balance from last account		$1,500 00
Cash, interest from investment		69 24
To balance invested	$1,500 00	
Cash, interest paid	69 24	
	$1,569 24	$1,569 24

DETAIL OF PARK TRUST FUND.

William F., George A., and Eben S. Draper	$1,500 00

CEMETERY TRUST ACCOUNT, in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

By balance from last account		$2,379 00
Cash, interest from investment		109 81
To balance invested	$2,379 00	
Cash, interest paid	109 81	
	$2,488 81	$2,488 81

DETAIL OF CEMETERY TRUST FUND.

Burlingate Lot	$100 00
Sarah M. Whipple	100 00
Sally Whipple	100 00
Margaret Humphrey	250 00
Joseph B. Bancroft	500 00
Frank J. and Grace M. Dutcher	150 00
S. B. Holbrook	100 00
L. H. Ballou	200 00
Mary Draper	14 00
A. T. Field, account Thwing Lot	150 00
P. W. Moody, account Lot 45	50 00
W. G. Comstock	50 00
Mary J. Jacques	100 00
J. A. Edmands	100 00
George Scriven	65 00
George H. Cole	100 00
Frank H. French	75 00
Estate Emily Albee	75 00
Estate Medora Whitney	100 00
Total	2,379 00

Summary of Investment of All Trust Funds.

By Amount of foregoing funds at cost held by E. D. Bancroft, Treasurer		$31,879 00
To investment in Telephone Bonds	$14,875 00	
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Convertible 5s	7,249 26	
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Refunding 4 1-2s	4,425 00	
Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Co., 3 1-2s ..	4,426 25	
Milford Savings Bank	903 49	
	$31,879 00	$31,879 00

Summary of Outstanding Accounts, Unpaid Dec. 31, 1916.

State of Massachusetts, State Aid, 1916 account	$456 00
State of Massachusetts Tuition, account Industrial School	61 07
State of Massachusetts, account of dependent mothers	93 72

E. D. Bancroft, Treasurer, in account with Town of Hopedale.

To Balance from 1915 account	$29,107 34
Collector, 1916 account	89,368 90
Corporation Tax, public service, 1916 account	5,421 08
Corporation Tax, business, 1916 account	567 21
Bank Tax, 1916 account	24,489 43
State of Massachusetts, State Aid, 1915 account	384 00
State of Massachusetts, poor department, on account of dependent mothers	344 28
Town Hall, rents, 1916	1,630 00
Highway department, 1916 account	2,433 85
Highway, Street Ry. excise tax	645 26
Highway, Street Ry. tax from state	412 46
Highway, Sewer tax	190 00
Interest on bank deposit	894 71
Interest on invested trust funds	1,471 48
School department, property sold	91 88
Library, income from trust fund	1,329 63
Library, fines, sale of books, etc.	90 65
Library, dog licenses	143 13
Poor department, sundries	35 50
Park department, 1916 account	1,335 75
Park department, interest on fund	69 24
Tree warden, 1916 account	2,996 26
Fire department, 1916 account	190 73
Incidental department, sundries	28 47
J. J. Gibbs, druggist license	1 00
James J. Newton, pool license	2 00
M. Sneiderman, junk license	10 00
S. Rosenfeld, junk license	10 00
D. Marcus, junk license	10 00
M. Pressman, junk license	10 00

Geo. Gregory, peddler's license	8 00	
Court fines	80 00	
Cancelled insurance, Old Hose House	178 37	
Albee lot, trust fund, interest	3 46	
Whitney lot, trust fund, interest	4 62	
Sealer of Weights and Measures, fees	72 23	
Fire apparatus sold	400 00	
Borrowed money	30,000 00	

By amounts paid:—

Fire department		$6,203 00
Poor department		2,392 15
Board of Health		7 00
Library department		3,797 64
School department		22,053 17
Highway department		14,798 62
New streets		2,501 62
New Fire Station and apparatus		18,893 99
Park department		4,904 97
Incidental department		5,757 04
Water account		3,250 00
Street lighting acocunt		4,068 00
Interest account		1,884 24
Memorial Day		60 00
Town Hall		1,666 67
State and County Taxes		26,881 00
Tree Warden		4,042 56
State Aid		456 00
Albee Cemetery lot account		3 46
Whitney cemetery lot account		4 62
Borrowed money		30,000 00
Balance		40,835 17
	$194,460 92	194,460 92
To balance to new account	40,835 17	

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS, CASH RECEIPTS AND BALANCES FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1916.

	Appropriations.	Cash Receipts.	Amts. Unpaid.	Overdrawn.	Unexpended.
School Department:—					
General,	$21,500 00	$ 91 88	$	$	
New School House,		1,823 00			$1,420 50
New School Equipment,		88 49			
Library department,	3,300 00	2,458 02			1,960 38
Highway department:—					
General, in cluding Sidewalks and Street Watering,	21,000 00	3,681 57			12,880 78
William Street,	1,500 00				1 33
Hope Street Bridge,	1.500 00				84
Fire department:—					
General,	5,200 00	190 73			3 72
New hose,	400 00				
Forest fires,	100 00				4 70
Fire Alarm changes,	350 00				29 31
Incidentals,	6,500 00	337 84			1,080 80
Water account,	3,250 00				
Street lighting,	4,100 00				32 00
Interest,	500 00	2,366 19			981 95
Memorial Day,	60 00				
Town Hall,	500 00	1,630 00			463 33
Emily Albee cemetery lot,		3 46			
Medora Whitney cemetery lot,		4 62			
State and county tax,	35,000 00				8,119 00
Tree Warden,	1,050 00	2,996 26			3 70
Poor department,	2,000 00	379 78		12 37	
Board of Health,	300 00				293 00
Park Commission,	3,500 00	1,404 99			02
New Fire Station and apparatus,	3,500 00	17,410 19			2,01 20
New streets,	2,501 62				
State aid,		384 00	456 00		
Borrowed money,		30,000 00			

Balance on hand January 1, 1916 ..... $ 29,107 34
Total receipts for year 165,353 58
——————$194,460 92
Total cash expenditures on 1916 account 153,625 75

Balance to general fund as shown in cash report $40,835 17

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

By appropriation		$6,500 00
Police Department		8 00
Licenses		51 00
Court fines		80 00
Cancelled insurance (old Fire Engine House)		178 37
Sundries		20 47
To James B. Edwards, return of deaths	75	
Walter W. Watson, return of deaths	3 50	
Geo. W. Wood, return of deaths	1 75	
K. A. Campbell, M. D., return of births	4 50	
F. H. Lally, M. D., return of births	1 00	
M. W. Knight, M. D., return of births	1 00	
Geo. F. Curley, M. D., return of births	4 00	
F. D White, M D, return of births	1 25	
J. J. Duggan, M. D., return of births	1 25	
J. V. Gallagher, M. D., return of births	25	
P. E. Joslin, M. D., return of births	1 50	
E. C. Traver, M. D., return of births	25	
S. E. Kellogg, court fees	1 66	
W. F. Durgin, court fees	27 19	
W. N. Prentiss, court fees	4 82	
J. T. Murphy, court fees	11 48	
Henry C. Snell, court fees	7 34	
Police labor	1,249 60	
Charles W. Wheeler, expenses	12 76	
W. W. Knights, insurance	626 73	
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Company	81 51	
W. H. Jordan, vital statistics	55 30	
W. & L. E. Gurley, supplies	3 86	

B. L. Makepeace, town map	59 52
Assessors' expense and clerical work	207 04
Tax Collector's expense and clerical work	14 00
W. F. Durgin, labor	45 70
W. H. French, labor	9 00
E. H. Jenks, labor	17 67
Henry A. Daniels, Treasurer's Bond	80 00
W. W. Knights, Tax Collector's Bond	100 00
F. C. Townsend, surveyor's case	8 39
Staples & Gould, fertilizer	2 25
Hudson & Nichols, services	100 00
Wendell Williams, expenses	65 21
James Newton, auto hire	8 00
Draper Corporation, watchman's clock	67 50
State of Mass., soldiers' exemption	93 47
City of Worcester, tuition	112 50
Sundries, telephone, freight, express, etc.	19 23
Services at polls, A. A. Messinger	10 50
Services at polls, C. E. Pierce	9 00
Services at polls, H. J. Brown	3 00
Services at polls, W. H. Grayson	3 00
Services at polls, G. H. Davis	4 50
Services at polls, Thomas Gaffney	6 00
Services at polls, R. G. Gaskill	6 00
Services at polls, Frank Edmands	6 00
Services at polls, S. E. Kellogg	5 50

Salaries:—

A. A. Messinger, Auditor	$50 00
Walter A. Watson, Inspector of slaughtering	11 50
Frank Gaskill, inspector of animals	25 00
W. H. Jordan, town clerk	50 00
W. H. Jordan, registrar	25 00
W. H. Jordan, clerk registrars	10 00
G. R. Goff, registrar	25 00
Henry Markham, registrar	25 00

W. H. Grayson, registrar	25 00	
L. B. Gaskill, selectman	50 00	
S. E. Kellogg, selectman	50 00	
E. A. Darling, selectman	100 00	
G. B. Arnold, clerk selectmen	50 00	
E. S. Newhall, tax collector	275 00	
E. D. Bancroft, treasurer	100 00	
W. S. Hague, assessor	225 00	
H. A. Billings, assessor	125 00	
W. W. Knights, assessor	100 00	
C. W. Wheeler, sealer weights and measures	100 00	
Wendell Williams, town counsel	500 00	
Soldiers' relief	240 00	
Stationery and Printing	429 21	
Balance unexpended	1,080 80	
	$6,837 84	$6,837 84

TOWN HALL.

By appropriation		$ 500 00
Rents		1,630 00
To Janitors' Salaries	624 00	
H. L. Patrick	5 57	
Milford Electric Light & Power Company	152 70	
Milford Water Company	102 25	
Milford Gas Light Company	14 39	
H. H. Lent Company, labor and material	4 20	
Highway Department, repairs to sidewalk	35 00	
Hopedale Coal & Ice Company	353 25	
F. C. Townsend, labor and material	14 61	
F. O. Wadman, labor	2 60	
Staples & Gould, labor and material	43 18	
Swift B. Lyon, repairing piano	123 50	
J. J. Gibbs, supplies	4 75	
E. M. Crockett, labor and material	170 82	

Draper Company, supplies	3 71	
Sherborne & Coughlin Ex. Co., express	30	
Heywood Bros. & Wakefield, repairing chair	75	
P. H. Phipps, removing ashes	2 40	
Yale & Towne, repairing door check	2 44	
H. E. Brown, electrical work	4 00	
J. M. Demers, repairs	2 25	
Balance unexpended	463 33	
	$2,130 00	$2,130 00

STATE AID.

To orders drawn	$456 00	
By amount due from state		$456 00
	$456 00	$456 00

EMILY ALBEE CEMETERY LOT.

By interest		$3 46
To sundry labor	$3 46	
	$3 46	$3 46

WHITNEY CEMETERY LOT.

By interest		$4 62
To sundry labor	$4 62	
	$4 62	$4 62

INTEREST.

By appropriation		$ 500 00
Interest on deposits		894 71
Interest from trust funds		1,471 48
To Milford Savings Bank	$375 56	
Hopedale Village Cemetery	101 73	
Incidental Department	8 08	
Park Department	69 24	
Bancroft Memorial Library	1,329 63	
Balance unexpended	981 95	
	$2,866 19	2,866 19

TAXES.

By appropriation		$35,000 00
To state	$17,280 00	
To county	9,601 00	
Balance unexpended	8,119 00	
	$35,000 00	$35,000 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

By appropriation		$60 00
To Post 22, G. A. R.	$60 00	
	$60 00	$60 00

STREET LIGHTING.

By appropriation		$4,100 00
To Milford Electric Light & Power Co.	$4,068 00	
Balance unexpended	32 00	
	$4,100 00	$4,100 00

WATER FOR FIRE PURPOSES.

By appropriation		$3,250 00
To Milford Water Company	$3,250 00	
	$3,250 00	$3,250 00

NEW STREETS.

By special appropriation		$2,501 62
To 1-2 cost of Hope and Prospect Streets	$2,501 62	
	$2,501 62	$2,501 62

NEW FIRE STATION.

By unexpended balance		$17,010 19
To W. L. Mellen, contract	$4,543 60	
Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Co.	2,186 98	
Account of New Fire Apparatus	1,400 00	
McLean & Cousins, heating contract .	632 95	
Remick Furniture Company, furniture	856 22	
E. M. Crockett, labor and material ..	701 20	
F. C. Townsend, labor and material ..	176 24	
Bancroft Electric Co., electrical equipment	131 67	
Clark Ellis & Sons, labor and material	898 93	
Robert Allen Cook, services	943 00	
Salem Manufacturing Company	900 00	
Highway Department, crushed stone, etc.	102 53	
Draper Corporation, labor and material	136 08	
G. E. Stimpson Co., safe cabinets and files	129 90	

Hook and Ladder Company, furniture	100 00	
Hose Company No. 3, furniture	100 00	
Pettingell, Andrews, fixtures	502 78	
P. A. Phipps, teaming	11 93	
Frank O. Wadman, window shades ..	46 75	
Davoren's Express, carting and freight	8 80	
School Department, flag	3 21	
Grafton & Upton Railroad, freight ..	09	
H. E. Bolbrook Company, screens ...	136 23	
A. W. Lamb, drip pans	19 27	
Sundries	3 06	
J. P. Eustis Mfg. Co., bath room fixtures	81 06	
Durand Steel Locker Co., stationery cabinet	35 00	
J. E. Dolan, labor	19 10	
Carter, Rice & Co., towels and holders	13 00	
Cass Brothers, shovel hooks	3 00	
G. A. Parkinson, manure	14 00	
Bradley Chemical Company	2 75	
A. H. French, wood ashes	2 00	
Dodge, Haley Company, angle iron ..	5 63	
Luchini & Manzani, grading, etc. ...	83 03	
A. H. Cadwell, Agent, mops	3 00	
Herbert W. Austin, flower beds	6 00	
W. J. Elliott, steel door straps	29 50	
Milford Furniture Co., rug	9 50	
H. Edson Wheeler, clock	12 00	
Wm. Johnston Company, teaming ...	4 00	
Unexpended balance	2,016 20	
	$17,010 19	$17,010 19

NEW FIRE APPARATUS.

By appropriation		$3,500 00
Unexpended balance, new fire station		1,400 00
Sale of old apparatus		400 00
To American La France Fire Engine Company, Combination Chemical Engine	5,300 00	
	$5,300 00	$5,300 00

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG,
Selectmen.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

By appropriation		$ 750 00
" Appropriation for the suppression Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth		300 00
" Sundry Credits		2,996 26
To Henry L. Patrick, Sundries	2 16	
" J. J. Gibbs, Sundries	40	
" Draper Co., Sundries	60 67	
" Eldredge & Son, Labor	1 66	
" Fire Department, Gasoline	10 00	
" Milford Journal Co., Printing	4 00	
" W. B. Whittier Co., Trees	70 25	
" Clark Ellis & Sons, Sundries	208 18	
" Staples & Gould, Sundries	216 83	
" J. M. Demers, Labor	6 35	
" Labor	3,462 06	
" Balance Unexpended	3 70	
	$4,046 26	$4,046 26

C. E. NUTTING,

Tree Warden.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

By appropriation		$300 00
To S. E. Kellogg, labor fumigating	7 00	
Unexpended balance	293 00	
	$300 00	$300 00

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG,
Board of Health.

REPORT OF

THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

By appropriation		$2,000 00
Amount received from State of Mass.		344 28
Sundries		35 50
To City of Worcester	53 14	
A. A. Westcott & Sons	232 18	
W. H. Cox	321 70	
H. M. Curtiss Coal Company	109 47	
H. L. Patrick	334 44	
J. P. Connolly Company	355 27	
Joseph A. Carroll	64 54	
H. D. Bowker	63 46	
Milford Hospital	52 85	
Bowker & Barnard	55 50	
Estate of M. J. Kelly	120 00	
P. H. Powers	11 90	
Dr. F. H. Lally	30 50	
J. J. Gibbs	5 75	
Mary Smith	20 00	
A. J. Bowers & Company	3 25	
City of Boston	44 29	
Dr. K. A. Campbell	58 00	
H. H. Hart	2 00	
Town of Medway	64 50	
Dr. H. I. Fiske	45 50	
Hopedale Coal & Ice Company	7 81	
E. A. Danforth	2 25	

A. H. Sweet Company	21 35	
C. E. Lovell	12 00	
Town of Milford	14 50	
Cash payments	286 00	
Balance overdrawn		12 37
	$2,392 15	$2,392 15

E. A. DARLING,

L. B. GASKILL,

S. E. KELLOGG,

Overseers of Poor.

REPORT OF FENCE VIEWERS.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

No Complaints.

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG,
Fence Viewers.

SUMMARY.

	Appropriations.	Due from State.	Cash Received.	Total.	Expended.	Unexpended Balance.	Exceeded Appropriation.
Incidental,	$ 6,500 00		$ 337 84	$ 6,837 84	$ 5,757 04	$1,080 80	$
Street lights,	4,100 00			4,100 00	4,068 00	32 00	
State aid,		$456		456 00	456 00		
Water for fires,	3,250 00			3,250 00	3,250 00		
Memorial Day,	60 00			60 00	60 00		
Interest,	500 00		2,366 19	2,866 19	1,884 24	981 95	
State and County Taxes,	35,000 00			35,000 00	26,881 00	8,119 00	
Tree Warden,	1,050 00		2,996 26	4,046 26	4,042 56	3 70	
Town Hall,	500 00		1,630 00	2,130 00	1,666 67	463 33	
Board of Health,	300 00			300 00	7 00	293 00	
Overseers of Poor,	2,000 00		379 78	2,379 78	2,392 15		12 37
New fire station and Apparatus,	3,500 00		17,410 19	20,910 19	18,893 99	2,016 20	
New Streets,	2,501 62			2,501 62	2,501 62		
Total,	$59,261 62	$456	$25,120 26	$84,837 88	$71,860 27	$12,989 98	$12 37

APPRAISEMENT OF TOWN PROPERTY, JANUARY 1, 1917.

Town House	$50,000 00
Town House, lot	1,000 00
Town House, store fixtures	100 00
Town House, post office equipment	1,200 00
Pest House and lot	1,000 00

SCHOOLS.

School House, Hopedale Street	$20,000 00
School House, lot, 1-2 acre	600 00
School House, South Hopedale	2,000 00
School House, lot, 1 acre	300 00
School House, Dutcher Street	40,000 00
School House, lot, 1 acre	1,200 00
School House, Park Street	37,500 00
School House, lot, Park Street	1,000 00
High School Building	35,000 00
High School Building, land, 3 acres	1,000 00

LIBRARY.

Public Library	$15,000 00
Bancroft Memorial Library	35,000 00
Mrs. Susan Preston Draper fountain	15,000 00
Library lot	2,000 00

PARK.

Band Stand	$1,000 00
Comfort Station	1,000 00
Bath House	1,000 00
Tool House	200 00
Darling Hill Shelter	300 00
Land, 262 acres	20,500 00

FIRE.

Apparatus	$24,000 00
New Fire Station	40,000 00
New Fire Station, lot	2,000 00

POLICE.

Equipment	$50 00

TREE WARDEN.

Spraying Outfit	$1,200 00
Small tools and material	100 00

HIGHWAY PROPERTY.

Stone Crusher and engine	$ 775 00
Five Snow Plows	100 00
1 gutter plow	2 00
Small tools	40 00
2 Watering Carts	200 00
Eleven stand pipes	110 00
Road Roller	40 00
Buildings	1,600 00
300 tons trap rock	375 00
75 yards gravel	41 25
100 yards of rough stone for crusher	60 00
Road Plow	125 00
Pump	60 00
Sweeper	125 00
Spraying machine for distributing road oil	175 00
2 Suction pumps	30 00
Steam Roller	1,900 00
Portable kettle	50 00
2 Tank wagons	225 00
	$6,033.25

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN FOR 1917.

Memorial Day	$ 60 00
Incidentals	6,000 00
Interest	500 00
Street Lights	4,100 00
Water for fire purposes	3,250 00
State and County taxes	35,000 00
Town Hall	500 00
Support of the Poor	2,500 00
Tree Warden	1,000 00
Suppression of Gypsy Moths	500 00

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG,

Selectmen of Hopedale.

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

I have tested and sealed the following scales, weights and measures:

17 Platform Scales over 5,000 lbs.
77 Platform Scales under 5,000 lbs.
4 Computing Scales.
35 other scales.
471 Weights.
1 Apothecary scale.
18 Liquid measures.
1 Yard Stick.
2 Measuring Pumps.
12 Ice Wagon scales.

I have tagged for repair:

3 Platform Scales over 5,000 lbs.
4 Platform Scales under 5,000 lbs.

I have adjusted the following scales and weights:

2 Computing scales.
10 Weights.

I have collected in fees and turned over to the Town $72.23.

I have made a great many re-weighings in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. WHEELER,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

To the Board of Selectmen of Hopedale:—

Gentlemen:—The animals in the town were inspected in 1916. One case was reported and the animal condemned for tuberculosis.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK GASKILL,

Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF
THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

	Dr.	Cr.
By Appropriation		$8,000 00
Sewer Assessments		190 00
Material Sold		571 30
Work for outside parties (Labor and Material)		1,862 55
Street Railway Tax returned by State		412 46
Street Railway Tax returned by tax collector		645 26

GENERAL REPAIRS.

To Labor	$7,148 06
Material	2,738 29
Henry L. Patrick	9 11
John L. Mead	2 20
Draper Company	242 37
Bowker & Barnard	9 50
Milford Water Company	20 26
J. M. Demers	7 70
E. D. Bancroft, Treas.	4 07
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co.	26 15
Milford Journal Company	5 40
Milford Iron Foundry	11 00

Barrett Manufacturing Co.	2 35
A. F. McLaughlin	5 00
Town of Milford (Sewer Dept.)	95 00
Town of Milford	20 00
James L. Lilley	6 00
George A. Draper	50 00
Thomas Groom & Co.	13 00
Lewis H. Barney Estate	59 14
K. A. Campbell, M. D.	7 00
Luchini-Manzani Co.	121 42
John M. MacLauchlan	50 00
Clark Ellis & Sons	32 89
Grafton & Upton R. R. Co.	1 21

SIDEWALKS.

To J. Stuart Cox	$10 00	
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co.	91 28	
A. H. French	49 35	

STREET WATERING.

To Running Cart	$215 60	
Milford Water Co. (Water)	96 54	
J. M. Demers	12 00	
James Lilley	45 00	
	$11,206 89	
Balance unexpended	474 68	
	$11,681 57	$11,681 57

HOPE STREET BRIDGE.

	Dr.	Cr.
By Appropriation		$1,500 00

To Labor by department	$158 97	
Charles A. Sibley	731 66	
Grafton & Upton R. R. Co.	44 84	
H. F. & A. J. Dawley	509 74	
George H. Locke	30 05	
Clark Ellis & Sons	23 90	
Balance unexpected	84	
	$1,500 00	$1,500 00

WILLIAM STREET.

By Appropriation		$1,500 00
To Labor by department	$316 11	
Trap Rock	602 40	
Luchini & Manzani Co.	281 16	
Gravel	9 00	
Road Oil	300 00	
Balance unexpended	1 33	
	$1,500 00	$1,500 00

NEW SIDEWALKS.

By Appropriation		$13,000 00
To Labor by department	$445 48	
Material	34 20	
Milford Gas Light Co.	101 25	
Warren Brothers Co.	12 97	
Balance unexpended	12,406 10	
	$13,000 00	$13,000 00

SUMMARY.

Departments.	Appropriations.	Credits for Outside work, etc.	Total Credits.	Amount Expended.	Unexpended Balance.
General Repairs, Sidewalks, and Street Watering,	$8,000 00	$ 3,681 57	$11,681 57	$ 11.206 89	$474 68
Hope Street Bridge,	1,500 00		1,500 00	1,499 16	84
William Street,	1,500 00		1,500 00	1,498 67	1 33
New Sidewalks,	13,000 00		13,000 00	593 90	12,406 10
Totals,	$24,000 00	$3,681 57	$27,681 57	$14,798 62	$12,882 95

CHARLES E. PIERCE,

GEO. A. DRAPER,

DANA OSGOOD,

Road Commissioners.

REPORT OF
ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

By Appropriation	$5,200 00
M. & U. St. R. R. Co.	65 33
Sale of whistle	50 00
Received for gasoline, old hose, tolls, etc.	75 40
	$5,390 73

PAY ROLL.

To pay of Engineers	$ 244 00
Ladder Co. No. 1	384 00
Combination Co. No. 1	485 00
Chemical Co. No. 1	339 75
A. W. Lamb	1,101 00
A. B. Damon	730 00
H. B. Wood	70 00
H. C. Cronan	21 00
E. G. Blair	25 00
M. J. Creamer	25 00
C. H. Marsden	25 00
C. S. Freethey	25 00
H. B. Leonard, Fire police	20 00
E. S. Newhall, Tax collector	54 00

INCIDENTALS.

Milford Electric L. & P. Co.	$176 29	
Milford Water Co.	59 64	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	59 87	
Bowker & Barnard, supplies	4 75	
T. H. Craddock, merchandise	18 45	
H. S. Chadbourne, supplies	1 25	
Davoren's Express, Carting	4 00	
W. N. Draper, supplies	7 05	
Draper Cor., labor and material	16 24	
A. H. French, carting ashes	16 00	
Firemen's Herald, record book	6 00	
J. J. Gibbs, supplies	6 00	
W. D. Howard, carnations	10 00	
S. E. Kellogg, hose	25 00	
Milford Journal Co., printing	10 00	
A. W. Lamb, supplies, etc.	460 64	
Milford Water Co., tolls	1 72	
Milford Laundry	55 83	
Milford Elec. L. & P. Co., cross arms	3 00	
Pyrene Mfg. Co., compound	4 50	
Pettingill-Andrews Co., supplies	83	
H. L. Patrick, merchandise	7 99	
W. E. Whitney, badges	48 60	
G. P. Walcott, bunting	2 55	
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co., fuel	450 25	
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	335 50	
Herbert S. Potter, services	8 20	
Knox Motors Associates, repair parts	3 04	
Jenkins & Robinson, battery	21 50	
Town of Hopedale (Incidental Dept.)	5 93	
Gamewell Fire Alarm Tel. Co., supplies	1 64	
Raymond Howe, labor	6 00	
Unexpended balance	3 72	
	$5,390 73	$5,390 73

INTERIOR VIEW—CENTRAL FIRE STATION.

FOREST FIRES.

By Appropriation		$100 00
To J. B. Chapin, expended	$22 50	
Bowker & Barnard, supplies	59 50	
Grafton & Upton R. R. freight	50	
J. M. Hardy, supplies	12 80	
Unexpended balance	4 70	
	$100 00	$100 00

HOSE.

By Appropriation		$400 00
To Eureka Fire Hose Mfg. Co., 700 ft. fire hose	$400 00	

REPAIRS ON FIRE ALARM.

By Appropriation		$350 00
To Pettingill-Andrews Co., wire and cross arms	$291 48	
To Milford Elec. L. & P. Co., insulators	26 00	
Davoren's Express, carting	2 00	
Grafton & Upton R. R., freight	1 21	
Unexpended balance	29 31	
	$350 00	$350 00

SUMMARY.

	Appropriations.	Credits from Sales, etc.	Total Credits.	Expended.	Unexpended Balance.
General,	$5,200 00	$190 73	$5,390 73	$5,387 01	$ 3 72
Hose,	400 00		400 00	400 00	
Forest Fires,	100 00		100 00	95 30	4 70
Repairs on Fire Alarm,	350 00		350 00	320 69	29 31
	$6,050 00	$190 73	$6,240 73	6,203 00	37 73

ROSTER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

Samuel E. Kellogg, Chief

Joseph B. Chapin, Asst. Chief and Clerk.

Charles E. Pierce, 2nd Asst.

MEMBERS.

Ladder No. 1.

F. G Crockett, Captain.
C. W. Wheeler, Lieutenant.
H.A. Kimball, Clerk and Treas.
Joseph Grant.
H. C. Cronan.
Walter Clough.
C. S. Freethey.
Fred Lee.
M. W. Ball. Sub.

Combination No. 1.

T. H. Craddock, Captain.
J. A. Monahan, Lieutenant.
M. J. Creamer, Clerk and Treas.
W. N. Draper.
W. E. Taylor.
F. L. Arnold.
G. G. Bayley.
N. R. Richardson.
J. E. Newton.
C. H. Marsden.
Chas. Young, Sub.
A. E. Weeks, Sub.

Chemical No. 1.

W. E. Whitney, Captain.
J. A. Hanley, Lieut. and Treas.
E. G. Blair, Clerk.
L. E. Wells.
H. P. Crawford.
J. L. Manuel.
J. Moore.
H. L. Brown, Sub.
G. P. Shephard, Sub.

Stewards and Drivers, A. W. Lamb, A. B. Damon.

Drivers, M. J. Creamer, E. G. Blair, C. H. Marsden, C. S. Freethey, H. C. Cronan, M. W. Ball.

Fire Police, H. B. Leonard.

PROPERTY.

Combination No. 1	$7,500 00
Chemical No. 1	5,300 00
Ladder No. 1	3,700 00
Forest Fire Truck	3,000 00
Fire Alarm Telegraph	4,200 00
Hose	2,000 00
Extinguishers and supplies	100 00

RECORD OF FIRES.

April 22. Still alarm at 1.15 P. M., grass, Upton Road.

April 30. Still alarm at 3.30 P. M., chimney at Gaskill place, So. Hopedale.

May 11. Still alarm at 2.10 P. M., grass, Dennett Street.

May 12. Still alarm at 4.30 P. M., grass, Park land.

May 13. Box 57 at 5.05 P. M., grass near G. A. Draper residence.

May 20. Still alarm at 5.00 A. M., Darling Hill.

June 2. Still alarm at 4.00 P. M., grass, Freedom Street.

June 10. Box 45 at 9.35 A. M., tenement, Soward Street, owned by Draper Cor.

July 4. Box 64 at 9.10 A. M., tool house, sand pit, Spindleville.

July 8. Call to Silver Hill Farm, Milford.

July 22. Still alarm at 9.45 A. M., tenement, Maple Street, owned by Draper Cor.

Aug. 3. Box 57 at 8.45 A. M., laundry, C. H. Draper residence.

Aug. 4 Still alarm at 3.00 P. M., grass, Inman Street.

Aug. 5. Box 38 at 12.05 M., false alarm.

Nov. 11. Still alarm at 9.15 P. M., fire on roof of Draper Cor. office, Hopedale Street.

Nov. 23. Still alarm, grass, Upton Road.

Dec. 10. Box 35 at 1.15 A. M., false alarm.

Dec. 25. Still alarm at 8.00 A. M., Hopedale House.

Dec. 29. Still Alarm at 10.00 A. M, chimney, tenement owned by Draper Cor.

REPORTS WHERE ACTUAL FIRES HAVE OCCURRED WERE AS FOLLOWS:

Buildings—	Value	$208,000 00
	Insurance	196,800 00
	Loss	339 00
Contents—	Value	102,150 00
	Insurance	86,500 00
	Loss	250 00
Total—	Value	310,150 00
	Insurance	283,300 00
	Loss	589 00

INTERIOR VIEW—CENTRAL FIRE STATION.

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Box 25—Draper Corp. yard. Shipping Platform.
Box 26—Hopedale St., opp. Union St.
Box 27—Dutcher St., Central Station.
Box 32—Union St., cor. Prospect.
Box 33—Dutcher St., cor. Freedom.
Box 35—Northrop St., cor. Freedom.
Box 36—Northrop St., opp. C. F. Roper Shop.
Box 37—Dutcher St., cor. Dennett.
Box 38—Dutcher St., opp. F. E. Douglas'.
Box 39—Dutcher St., opp. C. E. Nutting's.
Box 42—Bancroft Park, west side.
Box 45—Freedom St., west of bridge.
Box 46—Hope St., near Hopedale Coal & Ice Co. office.
Box 53—Hopedale St. cor. Adin.
Box 57—Adin St., opp. E. S. Draper's.
Box 59—West Main St,, near turnout.
Box 62—West Main St., cor. Hopedale.
Box 64—Westcott's Mill, Spindleville.
Box 65—West Main St., west of bridge. (Telephone Box).
Box 72—Blanchard's cor., South Hopedale. (Telephone Box).
Box 74—Green Store, South Hopedale. (Telephone Box).

SIGNALS.

1 Blast—Chief of Department.
2 Blasts—All out or recall.
8 Blasts—Forest fire or house call.
Box test Saturdays at 5.30 P. M., one round.

For the year 1917 we would recommend:

General	$5,200 00
Hose	434 00
Forest Fires	100 00

S. E. KELLOGG,
C. E. PIERCE,
J. B. CHAPIN,

Board of Fire Engineers.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

Valuation of Real Estate, excluding land		$1,527,402 00
Valuation of Real Estate excluding buildings		329,486 00
Total value of Real Estate		1,856,888 00
Valuation of Personal Estate		6,913,188 00
Total Valuation		8,770,076 00
Tax rate per $1000	$10 00	
Tax on Property		87,700 76
Number of polls assessed	919	
Tax on each poll	$2 00	
Tax on Polls		1,838 00
Total amount raised by taxation		$89,538 76
Corporation Tax		567 21
Public Service Tax		3,951 41
Bank Tax		24,489 34
Street Railway Tax		1,031 12
Railway and Telephone Co., etc.		1,469 67
		$121,047 51

Number of persons assessed	1051
Number of persons assessed on property	296
Number of persons assessed on poll tax only	756
Number of polls assessed	919
Number of horses assessed	65

Number of cows assessed	53
Number of neat cattle assessed	12
Number of swine assessed	21
Number of dwelling houses assessed	473
Acres of land assessed	2955 acres, 121 rods
Population	2564

WILLIAM S. HAGUE,
WM. W. KNIGHTS,
H. A. BILLINGS,

Assessors.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1916 Taxes.

To Taxes commited for collection		$89,538 76	
Interest collected		7 25	
Fees collected		8 10	
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, Treas.			$89,395 50
Taxes abated			146 00
Uncollected Taxes:—			
Poll taxes	$8 00		
Personal and Real Estate ...	4 61		12 61
		$89,554 11	$89,554 11
Excise Tax committed for collection:—			
Milford, Attleboro & Woonsocket Street Railway Company		$ 69 81	
Milford & Uxbridge Street Railway Company		171 22	
Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company		377 63	
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, Treas.			$618 66
		$618 66	$618 66

SEWER ASSESSMENTS.

Committed for collection	$190 00	
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, Treas.		$190 00
	$190 00	$190 00

EUGENE S. NEWHALL,
Collector.

AUDITOR'S REPORT, 1916.

The disbursements of the town of Hopedale through its several departments for the year 1916 are covered by receipts and receipted bills for correct amounts. The treasurer's books show a correct balance between income and expenditure.

Very respectfully submitted,

ADIN A. MESSINGER,

Auditor.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PARK COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPEDALE,

MASSACHUSETTS.

1916.

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

FRANK S. CLARK, Secretary,	Term	expires	1917.
**FRANK J. DUTCHER, Chairman,	"	"	1918.
*CHARLES F. ROPER, Chairman	"	"	1919.

* Deceased.

Frederick E. Douglas appointed to fill out unexpired year.

** Elected chairman after decease of Charles F. Roper.

REPORT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Available for Use of Park Department.

General appropriation	$3,500 00
Use of lockers at bath house	4 00
Lumber and wood sold	1,331 75

Orders Drawn on the Town Treasurer.

Fertilizer	$64 50	
Plans and Surveys	10 00	
Trees and Shrubs	432 00	
Bath House	191 66	
Roads and Paths	49 00	
Pay Roll	2,067 11	
Tools	171 45	
Comfort Station	18 30	
Athletic Goods	16 61	
Land	450 00	
Lumbering	50 00	
Tennis	675 47	
Teaming	182 23	
Repairs of Bridge	61 56	
Sawing Wood	127 75	
Water	20 00	
Seats	63 25	
Incidentals	184 84	
Balance unexpended	02	
	$4,835 75	$4,835 75

ADIN STREET LOT.

Interest 1916		$69 24
Pay Roll	$69 24	

The Eighteenth Annual Report of the Park Commissioners for the year of 1916 is herewith submitted.

Playgrounds.

No part of the territory under our care is in such general use as the Playgrounds.

The Tennis Courts were made over last spring at an outlay of over $700.00 and are giving general satisfaction.

Grading on the Base Ball diamond was started and more can be done with good results.

A new entrance opposite the easterly end of Park Street has been provided and offers to residents of this section and the children attending the Park Street School a direct way of admission.

Roads and Paths.

The usual cutting and widening of old paths and trails has been done.

A 50-foot roadway from Freedom Street to the height of land on Darling Hill has been started, which upon completion will open the most sightly part of the park territory to the public.

Bath House.

6842 bathers used the bath house this year: Males, 5706; females, 1136. Of the total, 5604 were present afternoons, 801 evenings and 477 Sundays. The largest number of males in one day, 132; females, 93.

Additional Land.

A tract westerly of the "Lookout" has been purchased. This gives the Park System the "High Point" of land in town and one that has been considered by the State Fire Warden as a location for a sight of a Fire Observation tower.

Changes in the Park Commission.

Mr. C. F. Roper, who had served continuously since the Park Department was established, was removed by death. Mr. F. E. Douglas was elected to succeed Mr. Roper.

Field Day.

As usual the Annual Field Day of the Draper Corporation employees was a most successful and enjoyable event.

Feeding the Birds.

While the ground is covered with snow, feed of various kinds is provided and placed in feed boxes where it is easily reached by the birds and small animals.

Trees and Shrubs.

The cutting and removal of the Chestnut trees affected by the blight has left spaces looking decidedly bare.

Over 12,000 Red and White Pines have been planted and more will be set out next spring.

FRANK J. DUTCHER,
FRANK S. CLARK,
FREDERICK E. DOUGLAS,

Park Commissioners.

Thirty-first Annual Report

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPEDALE,

MASSACHUSETTS.

1916.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

HARRIET B. SORNBORGER 1917
J. L. REMINGTON, Secretary 1918
FRANK J. DUTCHER, Chairman 1919

F. G. ATWELL, Superintendent.

(Office hours: Dutcher Street Building, Thursdays 3 to 5.)

TRUANT OFFICERS.

F. G. ATWELL, WARREN F. GASKILL,
JOSEPH W. GIBBS, WM. H. HATCH, FRED A. WHITNEY.

AUTHORIZED TO SIGN SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.

F. G. ATWELL.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

M. W. KNIGHT, M. D.

REPORT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Available for Use of School Department.

March appropriation	$20,500 00
November appropriation	1,000 00
School lunches	51 36
Supplies sold	40 52

Orders Drawn on Town Treasurer.

Committee Expenses:—		
Reports, printing, telephone, etc	$ 54 42	
Supervision	820 00	
Superintendent's expenses, car fares, etc.	37 48	
Teaching	12,816 25	
Text books	331 05	
Supplies	408 40	
Incidentals:—		
Apparatus, chemicals, manual training, supplies, materials for sewing, cooking, etc.	285 50	
Care of buildings	1,989 91	
Fuel	1,770 05	
Water, gas, janitors' supplies, etc.	378 58	
Repairs	2,196 78	
School Physician	38 00	
Transportation	229 50	
Sundries:—		
Graduation expenses, insurance, etc.	131 40	
New Equipment	104 56	
	$21,591 88	$21,591 88

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

Balance unexpended, Jan. 1, 1916		$1,823 00
Orders drawn to December 30, 1916	$372 80	
Unexpended	1,450 20	
	$1,823 00	$1,823 00

FURNISHINGS FOR PARK STREET SCHOOL BUILDING.

Balance unexpended, Jan. 1, 1916		$88 49
Orders drawn to December 30th	$88 49	
	$88 49	$88 49

We submit herewith the thirty-first annual report of the School Committee; also additional report covering expenditures on the Park Street school house and grounds, and the furnishings for same.

We again call attention to the large item of repairs of buildings, which as the buildings grow older calls for a larger annual expense. During the past year the Dutcher Street Building has called for general pointing and repairs of masonry and large repairs on the copper gutters and conductors, both being necessary to protect the building from the weather. We have also had a considerable expense to make the buildings more secure in case of fire, and have now received certificates of approval covering all of our school buildings from the State Building Inspector.

It is probable that the next large expense in the way of repairs will be replacement of the boiler in the Chapel Street Building, and possibly replacement of one or both of the boilers in the Dutcher Street Building, all these having been in the number of years that represents the average effective life of boilers of this description.

FRANK J. DUTCHER,
HARRIET B. SORNBORGER,
J. L. REMINGTON,
School Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Hopedale:—

The twenty-third annual report of the superintendent of schools is herewith presented.

SCHOOL AND CENSUS STATISTICS, 1915-1916.

Population of Hopedale, April 1, 1916	2564
Number of children between 5 and 7 years of age	98
Number of children between 7 and 14 years of age	286
Number of children between 14 and 16 years of age	59
Number of children between 5 and 16 years of age	443
Ratio of children between 5 and 16 to population of town	.173
Total school registration	467
Ratio of school registration to population of town	.182
Average membership of all the schools	433
Average daily attendance	407
Percentage of daily attendance for Hopedale	94.12
Number of pupils between 5 and 7 years of age	91
Number of pupils between 7 and 14 years of age	300
Number of pupils between 14 and 16 years of age	47
Number of pupils between 5 and 16 years of age	438
Number of pupils over 16 years of age	27
Number of regular teachers employed	16
Number of special teachers	4
Number of assistants	2

GENERAL POLICY.

The touchstone of educational progress at the present time seems to be the junior high school. It is not so very long ago that it was vertical writing, and a little later, the Batavia plan. What

it will be next, the prudent man hesitates to prophesy. But whatever the educational slogan may be at any particular time, it always remains true that the teacher makes the school, and our policy is based upon this fundamental truth. Emerson uttered basic wisdom when he said, "It is the master mind that educates." A certain very sensible father wrote back to his daughter who had given him a detailed description of her studies in college, "I do not care so much what you study. What I want to know is who and what your teachers are." The superintendent of schools in a Massachusetts city, having a very high standing educationally, once said that he had no place in his schools for a teacher who was not worth nine hundred dollars a year, or would soon reach that degree of excellence.

It has been our policy to secure the best teachers available for the salaries we can offer, and then to keep them up to their best by all the means at our command. We have not narrowed our conception of a good teacher to a person who can simply impart a reasonable amount of knowledge concerning certain fixed scholastic subjects. The ideal teacher cares even more for what her pupils think, what they are, and what they hope to be, than for what they merely know. To this end we have tried to secure teachers who, in every respect, both in school and out, are worthy exemplars and wise advisers of children.

As a corollary of the proposition that "the teacher makes the school," it follows that the chief function of the superintendent in the smaller towns is the supervision of the teacher at work. To shape and direct in a general way the activities of each individual school, to present and illustrate the accepted methods of teaching, to bring to bear upon every teacher and pupil an overpowering expectation that each will do his best, and to discourage slovenly work wherever it occurs—these are the most important duties of a district superintendent. If these lines of work are faithfully carried out, it will require him to spend the larger part of each school day in the schools.

To some this may seem like over supervision which tends to crush out initiative and originality on the part of the individual teacher. It is true that a teacher who reads her eductional journals faithfully and three or four educational books a year, and who

really desires to know the latest and best concerning her profession, will not need so much supervision. As a matter of fact, however, they are the very ones who take most kindly to supervision and are most benefited by it.

It has been our policy to see that pupils study and that teachers teach. We have very little red tape, very few reports, very few elaborate observances of special days, very little show work. We insist upon a fair degree of industry on the part of the pupils in the acquisition of facts. We try to assist pupils in understanding and applying the facts acquired. While educating the mind, we try not to neglect the morals, habits, and ideals of the pupils.

VICTROLAS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The use of these instruments in the public schools, both as a means of instruction and entertainment, is becoming very common. Thousands of schools have been equipped with them during the past few years, and their use is rapidly extending. We now have three Victrolas of a standard school type and a good stock of records with which to make a beginning. The one at the high school was given by the classes of 1914 and 1916, which is hereby gratefully acknowledged. It bears an appropriately engraved plate indicating the source of the gift. Much praise is due the supervisor of music for the time and care she has given to the selection of records. She has chosen each record with a definite purpose in view. It may have been to illustrate some particular principle in music or to familiarize the pupils with the various types of voice or instrument, either singly or in combination. Other records have been chosen as a means of teaching musical appreciation. Story-telling, folk-dances, and bird-music have not been forgotten. It is the intention to use modern language records at the high school. Accuracy of pronunciation and accent may be illustrated as in no other way except the employment of native French and German teachers.

With a piano in each building, our musical equipment is quite complete and satisfactory.

The results obtained are commensurate and creditable. The music rendered by the high school pupils at graduation and other

occasions when they sing in public always receives generous and deserved praise. This indicates that the instruction they have received throughout the grades as well as the high school, must have been thorough and effective.

SELECTION OF TEXT-BOOKS.

For a small school system, this seems a simple and easy task, but such is not always the case. We have recently discarded a series of arithmetics which it is safe to say the majority of the teachers did not like. The new series seems to be well liked and good results are being obtained. Whether the new books or the old are the better, it would be impossible to say without knowing just what it is hoped to accomplish by their use. But this much is certain, teachers will accomplish better results with books they like than with those which are not to their taste.

There is no uniform practice as to who shall select text-books. There is a growing tendency to leave the selection of all books used below the high school to the superintendent. In many places the school committee actually exercises its full legal control in all matters pertaining to text-books. In other places the preliminary examination is made by other parties, the committee concerning itself chiefly with the final decision. In some cases a committee of teachers may be chosen to examine various texts and make recommendations. No one of these methods is necessarily bad. On the other hand, the recommendation of an individual teacher, to whom some representative of a publishing house has just donated a sample copy, is not particularly valuable or desirable. To state the matter in another way, book men should not try to go over the heads of the school committee and the superintendent, and attempt to introduce his books through the recommendation or influence of a single teacher.

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN LIBRARY AND SCHOOL.

The pupils do not at the present time use the public library nearly so much as they should. This certainly can not be due to any lack of interest, enthusiasm, or spirit of helpfulness on the part of the librarian. The resources of the library are abundant

and the policy of its administration is liberal. We are forced to believe that the reason for any lack of co-ordination which may exist will be found in the schools and not at the library. Teachers may feel that there is not time for library work if the school work is to be done well. A more extensive use of the library would save time, stimulate the pupil and give him a far more intelligent conception of the subject being studied. Some may feel that the text-book is adequate. A text-book is merely a book of texts, each of which should be developed and enlarged by instruction, by reading, by observation, by illustration, and by association and correlation with the real things and activities of life. Others may feel that their most important duty is to prepare their pupils for the next grade or for the high school. The chances are that the pupil who has spent the most time at the library, who possesses the broadest general information, who has the most freely "browsed among books," will be the best fitted for the next grade or for the high school. By all means, use the library more, have more library books in school, and give more credit for knowledge not gained from text-books.

ARITHMETIC AND SPELLING.

It is a little singular that neither the methods nor aims in these fundamental subjects are fixed or uniform. Some very progressive towns are now adopting the plan of teaching arithmetic so as to secure mechanical accuracy in computation and a working knowledge of processes without giving very much attention to the analysis of problems or the comprehension of principles. This may be entirely correct, but we are still trying to cultivate the power to image and to analyze as well as to devolop mechanical facility in computation.

In spelling we are trying to conform to the newer practice of teaching only those words which are found in the written vocabulary of the average adult. Several recent investigations show pretty conclusively what these words are. We are insisting that spelling should be taught as intensively as arithmetic, and that the majority of pupils learn the form of a word most readily through the eye rather than by writing it either ten or fifty times.

NEW FIRE SIGNAL SYSTEM.

It is needless to say that the school buildings of Hopedale are always kept in the highest state of repair and cleanliness. The attractive appearance of the schoolrooms, their excellent ventilation, and the exceptionally pleasant and healthful conditions under which our pupils work elicit many words of praise from visitors. But however pleasing to the eye a school building may be, it must first of all be safe. To this end, an improved system of fire signals has recently been installed in four buildings. Electric bells are now considered too unreliable for this purpose. Hand-pull gongs are more dependable and are recommended above all other devices by the best authorities. Our new gongs are large enough to be heard in any part of the building, and may be rung from one or more stations on each floor and in the basement. The wire pulls are of aviation wire, strong enough to eliminate all possibility of breaking. It is also vermin and insect proof as well as fire proof.

Numerous fire drills are maintained in all buildings and under as varied conditions as possible. In these drills we are trying to follow the rules and recommendations of the State Fire Prevention Commissioner. In most respects probably our plan of procedure meets the approval of the majority of parents, yet there are doubtless some exceptions. While more frequent drills are given during the fall and spring than in the winter, yet it would be hardly safe to let a whole winter pass with no fire drill. A mild day is chosen for this purpose, but it is likely that some parents feel that no day in winter is mild enough to send children out-of-doors without extra wraps. Nevertheless a fundamental principle of all fire drills is to get the children out of the building as quickly as it can be done without confusion. No child should be allowed to stop for books, wraps, or anything of the kind. No child should under any circumstances be permitted to return to the building until the signal is given for all to return. The danger of taking cold on any day when a fire drill would be ordered is very remote. In buildings no larger than ours, pupils are out-of-doors only a fraction of a minute.

SPECIAL SUBJECTS.

It is difficult in these days to say just where regular subjects leave off and special subjects begin. It is certain no subject is quite so regular as spelling once was. According to a recent magazine article, "Spelling took nearly three-quarters of all the time of primary schools in the earlier days and as late as forty years ago, nearly half—by the actual records of the schools of Cleveland. Now it takes from six to eight per cent. of the school time, with results, demonstrated by actual tests, to be better than those of the old days." The time thus saved has very properly been devoted to other subjects, the more conservative of which we have introduced, though the teachers thereof are excused from the task of making special reports.

Our course in manual training is not so extensive as would be offered in a larger place, but it includes about all there is any real need or demand for in a place of this size. We cannot expand very much without the installation of some machinery, and for this we have no room. So far as our manual training goes, it is of the customary type, and seems to me very satisfactory. Very few formal exercises are now necessary before the boys are ready to begin some task selected by themselves. The majority of the boys are working upon some article of utility which they will take home when finished. Not all the boys will become patternmakers or skilled mechanics as a result of their training, but all are doing good work and are interested and happy. The course has gained steadily in value and efficiency under Mr. Stanley's instruction.

Equally good work is being done in the cooking and sewing classes, though it is doubtful if the girls are quite so deeply interested in housekeeping and dressmaking as the boys are in carpentry. Miss Bennett took a summer course at Columbia this last season, the results of which are reflected in her work. A desire for professional improvement is always commendable.

With gratitude for cordial and generous co-operation from all sources, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

F. G. ATWELL,

Superintendent of Schools.

TEACHERS, DECEMBER, 1916.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	PREPARATION.
High,			
Principal,	Arthur C. Johnson,	Sept., 1913.	Harvard University.
1st Assistant,	Lucy E. Day,	Oct., 1909.	Smith College.
2nd Assistant,	Aaron H. Yeaton,	Dec., 1915.	Colby College.
Dutcher street,			
Principal,	Harriet L. Haven,	Sept., 1914.	Smith College.
Grade 8,	Alice G. Starrett,	Sept., 1916.	Bridgewater Normal.
Grade 7,	Rebecca Holbrook,	Dec., 1915.	Hyannis Normal.
Grade 6,	Celia Dearing,	Sept., 1916.	Farmington Normal.
Grade 5,	Antoinette Batchelor	Sept., 1916.	Bridgewater Normal.
Grade 4,	Irene Gaskill,	Sept., 1916.	Framingham Normal.
Grade 3,	Mary A. Billings,	Sept., 1906.	Dean Academy.
Grade 2,	Elsie L. Barber,	Sept., 1914.	Willimantic Normal.
Grade 1,	Mabel F. Andrew,	June, 1897.	Wheelock School.
Park Street,			
Principal,	Esther C. Hendricks,	Sept., 1909.	Worcester Normal.
Grade 2,	Grace G. Davis,	Sept., 1914.	Framingham Normal.
Grade 1,	Mary E. Hager,	Sept., 1914.	Fitchburg Normal.
South Hopedale,	Kathryn A. Beaton,	Sept., 1912.	Hyannis Summer School.
Assistant,	Verena R. Daley,	Sept., 1912.	Mendon High School.
Special Teachers,			
Music,	Lillian E. Wood,	Sept., 1899.	Private Instruction.
Assistant,	Mrs. F. B. Arey.	Oct., 1914.	Private Instruction.
Drawing,	Marguerite Eastman,	Sept., 1916.	Normal Art School.
Cooking and Sewing,	Florence Bennett,	Sept., 1913.	Y. W. C. A. School of D. S.
Wood-working,	Dana Stanley,	Jan., 1912.	Sloyd Training School.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1916-1917.

SCHOOLS.	SCHOOL YEAR.	FALL TERM, 1916.		WINTER TERM, 1917		SPRING TERM, 1917.	
		Opens,	Closes,	Opens,	Closes,	Opens,	Closes,
Lower Grades,	36 weeks,	Sept. 11	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 16	April 2	June 15
Grades 7, 8, 9,	38 weeks,	Sept. 4	Dec. 22	Jan. 8	March 23	April 2	June 15
High School,	40 weeks,	Sept. 4	Dec. 22	Jan. 1	March 23	April 2	June 22

Holidays:—

Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day and Friday following, January 1, February 22, April 19 and May 30.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1917-1918.

SCHOOLS.	SCHOOL YEAR.	FALL TERM, 1917.		WINTER TERM, 1918.		SPRING TERM, 1918.	
		Opens,	Closes,	Opens,	Closes,	Opens,	Closes,
Lower Grades,	36 weeks,	Sept. 10	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 15	April 1	June 14
Grades 7, 8, 9,	38 weeks,	Sept. 3	Dec. 21	Jan. 7	March 22	April 1	June 14
High School,	40 weeks,	Sept. 3	Dec. 21	Dec. 31 (1917)	March 22	April 1	June 21

Holidays:—

Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day and Friday following, January 1, February 22, April 19, and May 30.

NO-SCHOOL SIGNALS.

The no-school signal is 2-2-2-2.

Given at 7.45 A. M., it closes all grades for the forenoon, and the high school for the day.

Given at 8.15 A. M., it closes all schools below the high school for the forenoon.

Given at 12.30 P. M., it closes all the grades for the afternoon.

It is important to note the time at which the signal is heard.

STATISTICAL TABLE, SEPTEMBER, 1915, TO JUNE, 1916.

	Total Enrolment.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance.	Aggregate Attendance.	Days of Actual Schooling.	Under 5 years of Age.	5 to 7 years of Age.	7 to 14 years of Age.	14 to 16 years of Age.	Over 16 years of Age.	Total Days of Attendance.	Total Days of Absence.	Instances of Tardiness.	Of Dismissal.	Number of Truants.	Cases of Corporal Punishment.	Visits by Superintendent.	By School Physician.	By Others.
High School	54	50.27	48.21	95.90	9016	187	0	0	4	28	22	9016	385	152	71	0	0	36	0	64
Grade IX	23	23.37	22.41	95.89	3973	176.5	0	0	13	7	3	3973	160	72	21	1	1	55	1	16
Grade VIII	25	21.46	20.51	95.57	3606	176	0	0	19	5	1	3606	172	64	125	0	0	45	1	11
Grade VII	43	40.58	38.19	94.11	6723	176	0	0	40	2	1	6723	417	175	59	3	3	37	0	10
Grade VI	32	30.15	28.22	93.59	4728	167.5	0	0	30	2	0	4728	331	59	222	3	2	28	1	46
Grade V	42	39.76	37.24	93.66	6280	167.5	0	0	39	3	0	6280	353	54	67	4	0	18	1	6
Grade IV	44	29.72	28.22	96.57	4698	167	0	0	44	0	0	7460	320	46	27	0	0	18	0	11
Grade III	34	32.08	30.73	95.79	5127	166.5	0	0	34	0	0	5127	259	7	11	0	0	11	0	30
Grade II	41	36.00	32.40	90.00	5386	166	0	18	23	0	0	5386	586	45	57	0	0	8	1	8
Grade I	40	37.74	34.27	90.81	5706	166	1	36	3	0	0	5706	588	39	3	4	0	10	0	25
Park Street																				
Grades IV and III	11	21.39	20.55	96.07	3431	167.5	0	0	11	0	0	3431	167	22	70	0	1	20	2	52
Grade II	33	31.81	30.22	95.00	5057	167.5	0	14	19	0	0	5057	266	32	5	0	0	14	1	23
Grade I	20	18.66	17.43	93.41	2852	167.5	1	19	0	0	0	2852	270	46	6	0	0	7	1	35
South Hopedale	25	20.77	19.21	92.49	6660	172	0	4	21	0	0	3313	281	13	5	0	3	10	1	39
Summaries and Averages	467	433.26	407.81	94.12	73243	170.7	2	91	300	47	27	72658	4555	826	749	15	10	311	10	332

ATTENDANCE DATA, 1915-1916.

RANK OF SCHOOLS BASED ON PERCENTAGE OF ATTENDANCE.

Miss Thayer,	Grade Four,	96.57
Miss Hendricks,	Park Street,	96.07
Mr. Johnson,	High School,	95.90
Miss Haven,	Grade Nine,	95.89
Miss Billings,	Grade Three	95.79
Miss Folsom,	Grade Eight,	95.57
Miss Davis,	Park Street	95.00
Miss Holbrook,	Grade Seven	94.11
Miss Florence Lyons,	Grade Five,	93.66
Miss Parker,	Grade Six,	93.59
Miss Hager,	Park Street,	93.41
Miss Beaton,	South Hopedale	92.49
Miss Andrew,	Grade One	90.81
Miss Barber,	Grade Two,	90.00
Average for Town, 1915-1916,		94.12
Average for Town, 1914-1915,		94.33

RANK OF SCHOOLS BASED ON DAYS OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Miss Folsom,	Grade Eight,	66 days
Miss Hendricks,	Park Street,	65 days
Miss Haven,	Grade Nine,	60 days
Miss Thayer,	Grade Four,	59 days
Miss Billings,	Grade Three,	51 days
Miss Hager,	Park Street,	47 days
Miss Beaton,	South Hopedale,	43 days
Miss Davis,	Park Street,	40 days
Mr. Johnson,	High School,	33 days
Miss Florence Lyons,	Grade Five,	29 days
Miss Parker,	Grade Six,	20 days
Miss Holbrook,	Grade Seven,	18 days
Miss Andrew.	Grade One,	16 days
Miss Barber,	Grade Two,	12 days

THIRTIETH

ANNUAL GRADUATION

OF THE

HOPEDALE HIGH SCHOOL

TOWN HALL,

Thursday Evening, June 22, 1916

MUSIC—Away to the Woods ..... *Schrammel*

HIGH SCHOOL.

INVOCATION,

REV. C. A. HENDERSON.

MUSIC—The Erlking ..... *Schubert*

HIGH SCHOOL.

ADDRESS

HON. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW.

MUSIC—The Lawn Party ..... *Lecocq*

The Evening Wind ..... *Saint-Saens*

HIGH SCHOOL.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

MUSIC—Selection from Aida ..... *Verdi*

HIGH SCHOOL.

RECEPTION TO GRADUATING CLASS.

GRADUATES.

Dorothy Wentworth Atwell,

Gwendolyn Beal,

Hilda Ethelyn Chilson,

Elsie Louise Jenks,

Mary Frances Monehan,

Mabel Vera Sloan,

Edward Clifton Burnham, Jr.,

Harland Everett Gaskill,

Stanley Nutting McCaslin,

Arthur Dutcher Sweet.

CLASS OFFICERS.

President, Harland Everett Gaskill.

Vice-President, Dorothy Wentworth Atwell.

Secretary, Elsie Louise Jenks.

Treasurer, Edward Clifton Burnham, Jr.

Class Motto—Immer Voran.

Class Colors—Green and Gold.

Class Flower—American Beauty Rose.

SEVENTH ANNUAL

PRIZE SPEAKING CONTEST

BY

HOPEDALE HIGH SCHOOL

TOWN HALL,

Friday Evening, May 9, 1916

PROGRAM.

Coronation March ..... *Meyerbeer*
HIGH SCHOOL.

The Promise ..... *Donnell*
DOROTHY W. ATWELL.

The Highwayman ..... *Noyes*
E. CLIFTON BURNHAM, JR.

Life of Youth ..... *Geibel*
HIGH SCHOOL.

The Wiggses Go to the Theatre ..... *Rice*
PERSIS S. AREY.

A Hero of the Furnace Room
HARLAND E. GASKILL.

Hearts and Flowers, Violin Solo .....*Tobani*

MABEL L. AREY.

The Afternoon Ride of Paul Revere Columbus Dobbs ....*Baker*

BERNICE E. DAVIS.

The Whirligig of Life .....*Henry*

STANLEY N. MCCASLIN.

Music

HIGH SCHOOL.

Decision of Judges

JUDGES.

PRIN. C. A. FITZGERALD, REV. J. W. MACDONALD,

PRIN. A. RUSSELL C. COLE.

Thirty-first Annual Report

——OF THE——

Bancroft Memorial Library,

Hopedale, Massachusetts,

——FOR THE——

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1916.

TRUSTEES.

ANNA M. BANCROFT, Chairman,	Term expires 1917.
**ARTHUR C. JOHNSON, Secretary,	Term expires 1917.
MRS. EDWARD L. OSGOOD,	Term expires 1918.
*FRANK H. FRENCH,	Term expires 1919.

LIBRARIAN.

HARRIET B. SORNBORGER, July, 1898.

ACTING LIBRARIAN.

HARRIET E. DART, May 1—Nov. 1.

ASSISTANTS.

DOROTHY ATWELL, NELLIE E. GRAHAM,
JEANNE BUTTERWORTH, AVIS W. ROCKWELL,
IRENE K. FERGUSON, MARJORIE R. ROCKWOOD.

JANITOR.

WALTER R. MEADE, July, 1915—

SOUTH HOPEDALE BRANCH.

LIBRARIAN.

MRS. A. F. W. SMITH, March, 1903—Aug., 1904.
Sept., 1910—

* Deceased.

** Appointed June 12, to fill the vacancy caused by death of Frank H. French.

The trustees wish to impress upon the inhabitants of the town that a public library is the proper place in which to deposit any manuscript or printed matter of any kind whether book, pamphlet, report, notice, poster, handbill or newspaper, that contains any direct or indirect reference to Hopedale. If each citizen will bear this in mind, and do his share in the matter, the library will eventually contain a more complete history of our town than can be made in any other way.

The trustees will furthermore welcome any suggestion that will in any way increase the usefulness of the library.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of the Bancroft Memorial Library respectfully submit the thirty-first annual report and the eighteenth from the present building.

We are following the plan adopted nine years ago, and we call your attention to the report of the Librarian, which gives our statistics for the year 1916, together with an account of the varied activities under her supervision.

After eighteen years of faithful, devoted, and most efficient service, the Librarian was granted, because of illness, a leave of absence early in the spring. During this time Miss Harriet E. Dart of New London, Connecticut, served most acceptably as Acting Librarian. The Trustees rejoice with the townspeople that Miss Sornborger has returned to her duties with restored vigor and enthusiasm.

By his knowledge of the work and constant helpfulness Mr. Meade rendered invaluable service to the Library during Miss Sornborger's absence. His work has been of great assistance in every way, and the Trustees are glad to express their appreciation of his excellent service.

The Library has been most fortunate in the Assistants whom Miss Sornborger has trained from our High School girls. It is noteworthy that four of these Assistants have chosen library work as their profession. In this connection it is fitting that mention should be made of the assistance rendered the Library by Miss Dorothy W. Atwell. In the winter and spring she devoted many hours to the work with such ability that the entire charge of the Library was given her during the month of August.

It is a pleasure to call attention to the really remarkable circulation of books carried on by Mrs. Smith at the South Hopedale Branch. Much credit is due Mrs. Smith for the conveniences she has furnished; great credit, besides, is due the citizens of South

Hopedale for the manner in which they have availed themselves of these privileges. They are setting a high standard for Hopedale people to emulate.

Mr. French's death on May 29 was a distinct loss to the Library. He served the Town as a Trustee for over twenty-seven years, aways devoted to the best interests of the Library and its patrons. At a meeting of the Trustees held on June 12 the following resolutions were adopted and entered on the Library records:

Whereas, The Bancroft Memorial Library has sustained a distinct loss in the death of Mr. Frank H. French.

Be it resolved, That the remaining Trustees express to Mrs. French their deep appreciation of the interest and devotion of Mr. French, of his untiring efforts for the upbuilding of the Library, of his ever ready response to all suggestions, and of his unfailing and courteous cooperation.

ANNA M. BANCROFT,
HANNAH T. OSGOOD.

The Library was closed on the afternoon of Mr. French's funeral, and also at the funeral of Mr. Charles F. Roper. Mr. Roper, as a Trustee of the Library in its early days, gave most valuable assistance in shaping its policy.

At a joint meeting of the Selectmen and the remaining Trustees on June 12, Mr. Arthur C. Johnson was appointed to fill the vacancy on the board. On the same date the Trustees chose Mr. Johnson as Secretary of the Trustees.

The new lights which have been placed about the children's table have added greatly to its usefulness. The table long ago justified its place, and now the Trustees are anticipating the time when the children may have a room by themselves for their books and games, with a trained assistant in charge.

The Funds which have been provided by members of the Bancroft family have made it possible for our Library to purchase many choice books which are impracticable for the ordinary town to own. In this way during the past year the Library has received

beautiful editions of Hawthorne's and Emerson's works. It is well worth while to examine and become acquainted with the many handsome editions which the Library has received from the Bancroft Fund. The needs of the children are also thoughtfully met, for the whole income of the Sarah M. Whipple Fund is used for books suitable for them.

A small part of the $500 given by General Draper in 1899 for the purchase of scientific books still remains. This year we have purchased 3 volumes, making a total of 212.

Mrs. Susan E. Whitney has generously given a portrait of her father, Mr. Almon Thwing, brother of Sylvia W. Bancroft, to whom the Library is a Memorial. The Trustees acknowledge with thanks the gift of magazines from Miss Bancroft, Mr. E. D. Bancroft, Mrs. William Ferguson, and Mrs. Osgood for the table for free distribution. The Trustees would welcome such gifts of used magazines from the patrons of the Library, and suggest that as many as possible contribute to this worthy object.

The Victrola Concerts given on the first Sunday in the wintry months continue to attract many lovers of good music. The Trustees thank those who have so generously contributed to the success of this work.

During the first week in December Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Ball gave an exhibition of photographs which was a revelation of the excellent work done by these local amateurs.

Three years ago the Trustees called attention to the approaching need of assistance to the Librarian. The continued growth in all departments has now made it advisable to furnish definite assistance on those days when the work is heaviest.

We respectfully recommend $3,500 and the proceeds of the dog tax for the expenses of the coming year.

ARTHUR C. JOHNSON,

Secretary.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The librarian respectfully submits the tenth annual report.

Circulation.

The total circulation has been 28,390, an average of 82 books each of the 306 days the library was open. The total Sunday circulation was 96. The juvenile circulation has increased from 26 to 29 per cent of the whole. Of the entire circulation at the main library 77 per cent was fiction.

Reading and Reference Rooms.

The reading and reference rooms and children's table were used by 9720 visitors, a gain of 501 over last year. The total Sunday use was 709 people—302 coming as readers and 407 for the Victrola concerts. This is the third year of these Sunday afternoon concerts and also the most largely attended. The following people, in the order named, kindly took charge of one concert: Mr. L. K. Whiting; Mr. I. C. Trask, Milford, Mass.; Mrs. Lillian E. Wood, Milford, Mass.; Mr. E. M. Wheelock. Mr. Trask used an Edison phonograph, furnished by himself, and Mrs. Wood, the singing teacher in Hopedale, using the school records, explained the use made of the Victrola in the public schools.

Books and Magazines.

The library has added 406 volumes this year, of these 112 were children's books. The Sarah M. Whipple Fund which is for young people's books entirely, purchased 46 volumes but so late in the year that but 14 volumes have been added to the library to date.

The Bancroft Fund has supplied the "New International Year

Book," as in years past and another valuable reference book, the new edition of Lippincott's Biographical Dictionary" in two volumes, bound in strong buckram to withstand the anticipated use. From this fund has also been purchased a complete set of Emerson in 12 volumes and 10 volumes from a complete 13 volume set of Hawthorne. The payment for the remainder of this last set will be made from 1917 interest on the Fund. Both sets are beautifully bound in ½ morocco, the Emerson in brown, the Hawthorne in green.

On December 31, 1916, there remained unexpended from the original $500 and accrued interest, given by the late General Draper, Sept. 26, 1899, but first used in 1900, $78.19. During the year three volumes, listed elsewhere, have been bought, making 212 volumes purchased to date.

Miss Grace Dutcher has continued the file of "The Journal of American History" as in the past three years.

South Hopedale Branch.

Our Branch continues to do most satisfactory work. Open 52 Fridays for an hour and a half, it has circulated 3278 books, an average of 63 books in each of those 90 minute openings. But 3 new borrower's cards have been issued this year, so it is the same people, in this small community, who year after year keep up this splendid record, a record of 27 books during the year to each card holder. The same test applied in our main library shows but 18 books to each borrower. Mrs. Smith, who works this magic has greatly helped the efficiency of her library and the promptness of service from the main library by the installation of a telephone in her home, where the Branch is located.

Work With Children and Schools.

The children have continued to enjoy the books and puzzles at their own little table, started last year.

This has been the fifth continuous year of the summer story hours, 40 in all, with a total attendance of 912. The eight stories this year were of a miscellaneous character, heard in all by 53 children. Helen Redgraves was the only child present each time.

Our Victrola was used to the great enjoyment of the children, as during the past three years.

Early in the year the sixth grade were given the usual lessons at the library in its use.

The school card has been used by the teachers to draw 669 volumes for school use.

Local History.

The public auction sale of Adin Ballou's private library, held Jan. 12 and 13, 1916, was mentioned in last year's report and the five very important items which were bought with the 1915 income of the Bancroft Fund. Fifty other items connected with Adin Ballou or Hopedale were purchased from the 1916 appropriation. Among these were two more manuscript books, one the "Constitution and Records of the Parochial Christian Union," organized in 1873—the records ending in June, 1874, the other six volumes of Journal and expense books of the Hopedale Home School from 1854 to 1861. These contained, aside from what its title would suggest of value, a list of the books in the Community Library which is of great interest to the library of today.

An original pencil portrait drawn by G. Thompson, also a Hopedale man, has a double interest.

Two of Adin Ballou's books were re-printed in Europe, "Christion non-resistance" in Edinburgh in 1848, and "Expositions of views respecting the modern spirit manifestations" from the second American edition in Liverpool in 1853. Both of these foreign editions were among the books purchased.

Seven broadsides were secured, the most important being the "Order of exercises at the dedication of the (Hopedale) meeting house, Nov. 15, 1860", but the Hopedale Home School exhibitions held in Milford in 1859, and another in 1860, are exceedingly interesting, as is the poster of one of Adin Ballou's lectures on "The Practical Christian Republic."

The other thirty-eight items are, with one exception, pamphlets, mostly by Adin Ballou, two of the most important by him might be mentioned, "Declatory resolutions of the Hopedale community, with reference to the existing Civil war, Sept. 15,

1861", and "The Voice of Duty; an address at the anti-slavery picnic at Westminster, July 4, 1843." The exception is Adin Ballou's book, "Primitive Christianity" in three volumes, the first volume of which, printed in 1870, is exceedingly rare.

We acquired, at this time several duplicates of items in our collection which it was necessary to buy in order to secure desirable items placed for sale in the same miscellaneous collection of pamphlets, but perhaps even more because of Mr. Libbie's kindness in giving us all material left unsold. As the two libraries bidding against us with most persistence were Harvard and the Boston Public, we hope to use some of these in exchange to the advantage of all when the matter can again be taken up. Nothing has been done this year toward the systematic arrangement of this valuable material purchased, or that equally so which has been given.

This year Mrs. Susan Whitney has presented the library with a large framed portrait of her father, Almon Thwing, who was also the brother of Mrs. Bancroft, to whom the bulding is a memorial.

Miss Georgiena Bailey has once more given us a valuable item, in four numbers, bound together, of the "Mammoth," a tiny paper printed by the son of Adin Ballou, Adin Augustus. We already had one number framed and highly prized as the gift of the late Gov. Eben S. Draper. Miss Bailey also gave us 6 duplicate programmes.

Exhibits.

During "Good Book Week," December 4-9, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Ball of Hopedale, held a most attractive exhibit of their work in photography, whcih was visited during the week by more than 250 people.

The Library Art Club has sent sixteen exhibits as follows: Marchen-Brunnen; South America; Kashmir; New York I; Dante; Buckingham III; Great War I and II; Days Near Rome II; Van Dyck; Banff; Advertising posters; European artists; Algiers; Berlin; Belgium II.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET B. SORNBORGER,

Librarian.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1916.

Receipts:

Appropriation	$3,300 00	
Proceeds dog tax	143 13	
Fines	68 98	
Books sold, etc.	16 47	
General Draper money	5 20	
		$3,533 78

Expenditures:

Books:			
Appropriation	$489 29		
General Draper money	5 20		
		$494 49	
Periodicals		150 50	
Binding		78 06	
Salaries		2,233 73	
Lighting		75 63	
Heating		148 86	
Supplies		39 16	
Printing		26 95	
Stamps		6 97	
Express		13 81	
Transportation books to South Hopedale Branch		4 90	
Car fares		1 80	
Traveling expenses		3 63	
Refinishing floors		50 00	
Additional lights		31 58	
Library Art Club		6 00	
Catalogue Cards		3 40	
Carting ashes		13 50	
Fertilizer		9 50	
Water		40 18	
Labor		18 35	
Pointing Fountain		5 60	

Repairs:			
General	$ 4 72		
Electrical	2 55		
Plumbing	20 71		
Heater	36 70		
Seating chairs	12 50		
		$77 18	
			$3,533 78

STATEMENT OF FUNDS.

NAME	DONOR	Date	Purpose	Principal of Funds	1915 Balance Income Dec. 31	1916 Income	1916 Expended	1916 Balance Dec. 31
Bancroft Fund	Joseph B. Bancroft and Sylvia W. Bancroft $1000 Joseph B. Bancroft $1000	Sept. 11 1897 March 9 1910	Books	$2,000.00	$ 0.48	$ 92.32	$ 92.80	$ 0.00
Sarah M. Whipple Fund	Lilla Bancroft Bracken	Oct. 3 1913	Juvenile Books	1,000.00	0.00	46.16	46.06	0.10
Bancroft-Day Fund	Lura Bancroft Day	July 28 1914	Decided by Trustees	5000.00	16.27	230.79	*125.00	122.06
Joseph B. and Sylvia W. Bancroft Fund	Lura Bancroft Day	Oct. 28 1914	Decided by Trustees	20,000.00	877.86	960.36	0.00	1,838.22
Totals				$28,000.00	$894.61	$1,329.63	$263.86	$1,960.38

* Architect's plans $125.

LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	Books Taken out.		South Hopedale Branch Books Taken out.		Visitors to the Reading Room	
	1915	1916	1915	1916	1915	1916
January,	2,767	2,341	360	244	802	827
February,	2,359	2,529	287	276	727	1,002
March,	2,647	2,766	282	302	960	1,031
April,	2,040	2,229	294	247	870	795
May,	2,083	1,879	254	210	694	641
June,	1,914	1,836	258	292	619	497
July,	1,802	1,721	316	254	614	439
August,	1,839	1,607	273	279	642	537
September,	1,895	1,964	280	342	722	726
October,	2,467	1,871	348	280	717	685
November,	2,482	2,141	258	256	1,031	1,289
December,	1,974	2,238	300	302	821	1,251
	26,269	25,122	3,510	3,284	9,219	9,720

Total number of books circulated	28,390
Total number of visitors to reading room	9,720
Sunday use of reading room	302
Attendance at Sunday Victrola concerts	407
Card holders	1,366
Card holders registered in 1916	226
Cards withdrawn, 1916	105
Volumes in library, accession book	15,841
Volumes in library by actual count established	13,023
Volumes withdrawn in 1916	2
Volumes rebound	173

Volumes added during year:—

By purchase, new	292
By purchase, to replace worn copies	39
By binding	26

By gift, individual	46
By gift, fund	20
By gift of U. S. Government	9
By gift of Massachusetts State Government	13
	445

GROWTH, SIZE AND USE OF LIBRARY, 1916.

	Volumes added During Year.	Volumes withdrawn Since 1912.	Total Volumes in Library at end of Year.	Volumes Circulated During Year.	
				Hopedale.	So. Hopedale.
Fiction	139	1	4,186	19,448	1,996
Juvenile Fiction	77		914	*6,049	*485
Juvenile classed	35	1	326	*1,215	*102
General	18		47	244	
Periodicals	2		1,333	2,180	1,019
Philosophy	4		160	97	13
Religion	4		265	61	8
Sociology	23		511	220	17
Philology	0		27	37	
Natural Science	8		353	245	5
Useful Arts	22		575	382	63
Fine Arts	4		324	309	29
Literature	24		1,088	610	22
Travel	7		670	482	34
Biography	19		710	303	11
History	15		905	494	61
Reference	5		548		
Curiosities			81		
	406	2	13,023	25,112	3,278

*Included in general circulation.

Books Bought with the Bancroft Fund.

Emerson's complete works, 12v.
Hawthorne's complete works, 10v. from set of 13v.
Lippincott's Pronouncing Biographical Dictionary, 2v.
New International year book, 1915.

Books Bought with the Gen. Draper Money.

Hodgson, F. L. Practical treatise on the steel square, 2v.
International Library of Technology. Woolens and worsted looms.

LIST OF PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED.

(Those marked * are given.)

Weeklies.

American Machinist.
Christian Register.*
Christian Science Sentinel.*
Harper's Weekly.
Illustrated London News.
Life.
Literary Digest.
Milford Gazette.*
Nation.
Official Gazette.*
Outlook.
Scientific American.
Scientific American Supplement.
Youth's Companion.

Monthlies.

Advocate of Peace.*
American Magazine.
American Industries.*
Atlantic.
Bookman.
Boy's Life.
Century.
Christian Science Journal. *
Craftsman.
Current Opinion.
Delineator.
Education.
Engineering Magazine.
Everybody's Magazine.
Field and Stream.
Forum.
Garden Magazine.
Good Housekeeping.
Harper's Magazine.
International Studio.
Illustrated World.
John Martin's Book.

Ladies' Home Journal.
Ladies' World.
Library Journal.
Little Folks'.
McCall's Magazine.
McClure's Magazine.
Modern Priscilla.
Motor.
Munsey.
Musician.
National Geographic Magazine.
Nineteenth Century.
North American Review.
Our Dumb Animals.*
Outing.
Pictorial Review.
Photo-Era.
Popular Electricity.
Popular Mechanics.
Popular Science Monthly.
Protectionist.*
Readers' Guide to Periodicals.
Scientific Monthly.
Scribner's.
St. Nicholas.
Technical World Magazine.
Woman's Home Companion.
World's Work.
Vedanta Monthly.*

Semi-Monthly.

Dial.

Quarterly.

Hibbert Journal.
Journal of American History.*

Dailies.

Boston Herald.
Boston Evening Transcript.
Milford Daily Journal.*
Milford Daily News.*

GIFTS.

	Vol.	Pam.	Per.
American Advocate of Peace			1 yr.
American Association for International Conciliation	4		
Bailey, Miss Georgiena	7		
Bancroft, Miss Anna M.			1 yr.
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace	2		
Carnegie Hero Fund Commission	1		
Christian Science Journal.			1 yr.
Christian Science Sentinel			1 yr.

	Vol.	Pam.	Per.
Clark, F. S.			5
Comisria Regiadel Turismo-Spanish Art and History		13	
Draper Corporation			2 yrs.
Dutcher, Miss Grace M.		6	
Dutcher, Mr. F. J.	1		1 yr.
Indian Rights' Association		1	
Lake Mohonk Conference		2	
Libraries:—			
Andover Public Library		1	
Baltimore, Enoch Pratt Free Library		1	
Beverly Public Library		1	
Bellingham Public Library		1	
Boston Public Library		1	
Brockton Public Library		1	1 yr.
Brookline Public Library		1	1 yr.
Chelsea, Fitz Public Library		1	
Dover Public Library		1	
Everett, Shute Memorial Library		1	
Fairhaven, Millicent Library		1	1 yr.
Grand Rapids Public Library		1	
Greenfield Public Library		1	
Holliston Public Library		1	
Hudson Public Library		1	
Lancaster Town Library		1	
Lynn Public Library		1	
Malden Public Library		1	
Marblehead, Abbot Public Library		1	
Natick, Morse Institute Library		1	
New Bedford Library		1	1 yr.
Newton Free Library		1	
New York Public Library		1	
North Adams Public Library		1	
Peabody Institute Library		1	1 yr.
Providence Public Library		1	

	Vol.	Pam.	Per.
Springfield Public Library			1 yr.
Uxbridge Public Library		1	
Westborough Public Library		1	
Weymouth, Tufts Library		1	
Worcester Public Library		1	
Massachusetts Peace Society		5	
Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society			1 yr.
Massachusetts, State of	28	10	
Milford Daily Journal			1 yr.
Milford Daily News			1 yr.
Milford Gazette			1 yr.
National Canners' Association		1	
Railway Library	1		
Rockefeller Foundation		3	
Sweet, Mrs. F. B.	6		
Thayer, Miss Harriet B.	1		
World Peace Foundation	9	2	
United States Government	9	25	
Vedanta Monthly			1 yr.

STATISTICS FOR A. L. A.

Printed at the request of the A. L. A. Committee on Library Administration.

Annual report for year ended	Dec. 31, 1916.
Name of library	The Bancroft Memorial
City or town	Hopedale, Massachusetts
Population served (town census 1916)	2564
Terms of use	Free for lending and reference
Total number of agencies	Central library and one branch
Number of days open during the year (Central library)	306
Hours for lending (Central library)	34½ hrs.—7 months; 37½ hrs.—5 months
Hours for reading (Central library)	34½ hrs.—7 months; 37½ hrs.—5 months

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes at beginning of year	11,490	1,129	12,619
Number of volumes added by purchase			292
Number of volumes added by gift			88
Number of volumes added by binding			26
Number of volumes withdrawn			2
Total number at end of year	11,783	1,240	13,023

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use	14,910	6,534	21,444
Total number of volumes lent for home use	20,539	7,851	28,390

Number of volumes sent to agencies	669 to schools
Prints, Music rolls	None in library
Music circulation. (Books entirely)	Not separate from rest of 700
Number of borrowers registered	226 Central library—3 branch
Total borrowers registered	1366 Central library—121 branch
Registration period	Until death or removal from town
Number of newspapers, periodicals currently received	71
Number of persons using reading and reference rooms	9720

Receipts from		Payments for	
Balance (Funds)	$ 894 61	Books	$ 633 35
Appropriation	3,300 00	Periodicals	150 50
Endowment Funds	1,292 43	Binding	78 06
Fines, sales of books, etc	85 45	Salaries, library service and janitor service	2,233 73
Dog Tax	143 13	Heat	148 86
Gen. Draper money	5 20	Light	75 63
Interest on balance	37 20	Other maintenance	352 51
		Total Maintenance	$3,672 64
		Architect's plans	125 00
		Total Payments	$3,797 64
		Balance	1,960 38
Total	$5,758 02		$5,758 02

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